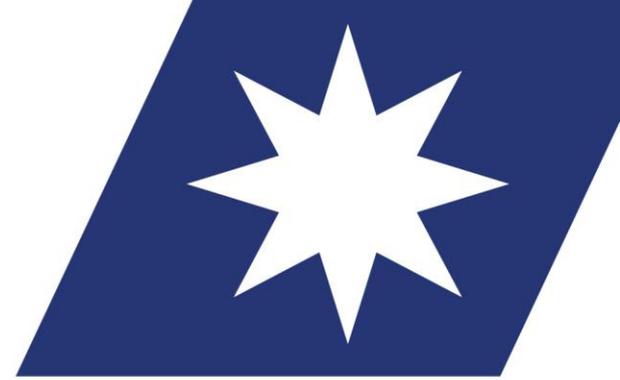


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The road to net zero is paved with landfill solar scraps and jobs exported offshore

KAP Federal Member for Kennedy Bob Katter has dismissed the Prime Minister's statement¹ yesterday that argued Australia's success of net zero emissions will be won in remote, regional, rural and industrial Australia; in factories, mines, science labs and manufacturing plants.

Mr Katter said that at worst it sounded like the words of a sycophant pandering to President Biden in the days before the virtual greenhouse gas summit.

Mr Katter said, "This is just a big sensation over Biden who has been the weakest President since Woodrow Wilson.

"It's disappointing because I don't know how many jobs are at risk and it's about time the Electrical Trade Union (ETU) and certain elements of the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) started standing up for coal.

"Apart from a few show ponies in the dying National Party, there doesn't seem to be anyone else standing up for them.

"And this simple truth must be known by the Australian people.

"This country only has two sources of income; iron ore and coal, and every time you put that glass on your roof, you've sacked a hard-working, Australian coal miner. You've sacked a power station worker and you've exported their jobs to some solar panel factory in China.

"In 15 years, you're going to have to find a home for 20 square kilometres of glass because they only last so long on your roof and they aren't recyclable. Then it is going to be real hard to keep pushing for this silly "save the planet" rubbish when you're looking at landfill after landfill of old solar panels.

"And the CEO class that runs the big corporations, their forte is public relations, running with the latest ideological fashion. Not the slightest scintilla of care-decency or respect for their fellow workers," Mr Katter said.

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¹ <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-04-20/scott-morrison-australia-inner-city-net-zero-emissions-biden/100080402>