

# Stop These Things' Weekly Round Up: 26 April 26

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South Australia and South Africa share the same maniacal obsession with chaotically intermittent and heavily subsidised wind and solar. South Australia and South Africa also share the same crushing power prices that have destroyed industry and punish households and families. They also deliberately set out to destroy coal-fired power generation systems that had kept the lights on for the best part of a century.

South Australia succeeded on that score more than a decade ago, and now imports coal-fired generator power from Victoria and New South Wales whenever the sun sets or calm weather sets in – ie every day. South Africa is yet to achieve that level of “success”. But not without want of trying.

Which brings us to this week’s roundup.

This is the abstract for the full article linked below regarding South Africa’s self-inflicted energy catastrophe:

The three major objectives of South Africa are poverty alleviation, reducing inequality and raising standards of living. These objectives can only be achieved by maintaining a high rate of economic growth, thereby reducing levels of unemployment and raising the standard of living. Electricity is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for economic growth. The necessary condition for sustainable economic growth is that there is a stable and secure supply of dispatchable electricity at the lowest effective economic cost when delivered to the user. The sufficient condition requires that economic, social and political conditions must be put in place to foster and encourage domestic and foreign investment, thereby creating demand for productive and economically efficient industries. This document consists of several facts which are either little known or insufficiently understood, or emphasised. They cover critical issues which need to be carefully considered when making any long-term, correct electricity-

generating sources for South Africa. The article is based on reviewing scientific observations and peer-reviewed reports written by internationally recognised scientific experts in their respective fields. In essence, this document is a summary of research undertaken by the authors of internationally published scientific articles and reports. It is anticipated that the document could make an important contribution to electricity, energy policy and planning issues in South Africa.

Here's the full piece by Ronald Stein, Dr Robert Jeffrey, Olivia Vaughan and Dr Lars Schernikau.

### [\*\*Wind and solar focus threaten America's and South Africa's economy\*\*](#)

America Out Loud Ronald Stein, Robert Jeffrey, Olivia Vaughan & Lars Schernikau 20 April 2026

The team from Jo Nova make the point that there is nothing quite like the shortage of real energy to focus the minds on pricing and supply, with the proletariat rejecting the net-zero CO2 emissions narrative with gusto.

### [\*\*Just like that: Most Australians want to drill, baby, drill for oil and gas, and don't care about "Net Zero"\*\*](#)

Jo Nova Blog Jo Nova 23 April 2026

Tilak Doshi reports on the sudden German awakening to the disaster that their unhinged ideology has delivered. Slowly but surely its intelligentsia and political class are coming to grips with reality, largely because they can no longer paper over the cracks.

### [\*\*Cracks Appear in Climate Consensus as Germany's Energy Minister Admits Renewable Energy is Ruining the Country\*\*](#)

Watts Up With That? Tilak Doshi April 2026

When the climate cult start turning on wind and solar it's usually because the true cost is finally sheeted home to them – personally. So it is with one of the climate cult's true prophets, Justin Rowlett the Climate Editor of the BBC who surprised everyone with this rather heretical article covered by Paul Homewood.

### [\*\*Renewables Are Costing Us A Fortune—Justin Rowlett\*\*](#) Not a Lot of People Know That Paul Homewood 15 April 2026

Francis Menton recounts with real glee the collapse of investment in wind and solar scams across New York State with dozens of threatened projects being scrapped.

### [\*\*Schadenfreude Of The Week: Majority Of New York's Pending Wind And Solar Projects Getting Canceled\*\*](#) Manhattan Contrarian 15 April 2026

Vijay Jayaraj reports on the wind industry's wide-ranging kill list, which includes all brands of birds, bats, bugs, reptiles and even endangered desert tortoises.

[The environmental left will not admit what wind and solar destroy](#) Blaze Media Vijay Jayaraj 27 March 2026

In this X Post (hit the Show more link for the full article) Tony Seruga compares the non-existent benefits with the staggering and growing economic cost of the great wind and solar scam. The numbers are simply horrifying.

Stay tuned, STT will be back next week with more.

