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Peter Dutton: Climate Denialist – Peddler of Danger

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Peter Dutton is a charlatan – an inveterate climate change denialist.

A denialist now seeking to camouflage his long-held denialism in an industrial fantasy – resort to the most dangerous and expensive energy source on the face of the earth – nuclear power.

In advocating this, Dutton continues his party's manic denialism, first articulated by Tony Abbott over a decade ago – turning his back on the most debated, most discussed problem of the Industrial Age – carbon and carbon sequestration.

Dutton, like Abbott, will do everything he can to de-legitimise renewables and stand in the way of their use as the remedy nature has given us to underwrite our life on earth.

Only the most wicked and cynical of individuals would foist such a blight on an earnest community like Australia. A community which fundamentally believes in truth and decency, and which relies on its political system to advance those ideals.

Dutton, in his low rent opportunism, mocks the decency and earnestness which recognises that carbon must be abated and with all urgency.

As bad as that, by his blatant opposition to renewables, Dutton calls into question and deprecates all the government has done to provide Australian business with a reliable and dependable framework for investment in renewables – the one thing, however late in the piece, the country needs to rely upon to lift the carbon menace off its back.

No person interested in public policy – regardless of their affiliations or beliefs, should consider, let alone endorse Dutton's backwardness, his unreal world view that the most lethal technology of another age is a contemporary substitute for nature's own remedy.

Dutton's policy, of its essence, is that human-induced climate change is a fraudulent concept propagated by environmentalists and left-leaning fellow travellers – a concept he believes should be deplored and opposed.