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**To:** [Committee, Nuclear Energy \(REPS\)](#)

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Good morning,

Please see my response to the questions on notice below.

- 1. Has the Government directly consulted with you about the locations of the 22,000 solar panels Labor wishes to install every day and the 40 wind turbines per month? Or the 28,000km of transmission lines?**

No I have not been directly consulted in regard to the location of the 22,000 solar panels per day, 40 wind turbines per month nor the 28,000km of transmission lines.

- 2. Has the Albanese Labor Government consulted with you or discussed in detail the impact on the local economy and way of life when the Coal fired power station closes down?**

No there has been no consultation what so ever in regard to this matter.

- 3. And has the Government consulted you or sought your view on its plan which seeks to shut down all coal fired power stations by 2035?**

No there has been no consultation or request for input what so ever in regard to this matter.

- 4. What has Labor suggested to you personally that it will do to ensure your local businesses can continue to operate locally once the coal plant is closed and what have the government suggested would replace it?**

There has been no personal suggestion from labor regarding the continued operation of my business when the Coal plant is closed. The government has suggested through media outlets that the coal plant would be converted to a renewable energy hub including a large Battery Energy Storage and hub for storage and distribution of renewable energy from renewable energy assets that are either State or privately owned.

- 5. Do you believe that as the Coalition is only at an early stage of the conversation on its plan to replace coal fired power stations (when they retire from the system) with zero-emissions nuclear energy which the Department of Energy in the United States highlights is the local community's next big jobs opportunity, do you believe community members will be open to a conversation about how the nuclear plant could support and improve their future?**

Most definitely that is the case. In fact the community is generally supportive of further discussions on siting a nuclear power facility in the South Burnett because they have seen the range of negative impacts of various solar, wind and BESS projects are having on the region's environment, farming land, visual amenity, tourism and community relationships and want a viable alternative to what is being forced on them by the Labor government.

regards Jim Willmott