



NEEC News

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One month to go!

To be precise, as of this coming Friday, there are four weeks to go before close of entries on Friday 22nd August.

Many will already be refining their essay plans and getting their words together. Some, perhaps, will be wondering if it is all too much. Don't despair - please give it a go! We are looking forward with much anticipation to what you will all be saying.

Is an extension likely? Not at this stage. With 143 registrations to date we are hoping for at least 100 entries. This will provide us with a wide cross section of views on our energy future from which to determine not only some worthy winners, but also some unique perspectives across the board.

With the support of the national media, we plan to publicise your ideas to stimulate rational debate. Be part of that debate by being part of the competition!

Essay Presentation

Some key points which we need to emphasise

- The synopsis is important. The ability to engage attention is an important feature in the successful communication of ideas. The synopsis will be considered as an important pre-requisite to the attraction of the audience to the detailed argument presented in the essay.
- Do not put your names on the essay itself. Your registration number is all that should appear on the essay. All your details will appear on the submission form which you attach to your essay but which will not be made known to the reviewers and judges.
- Regularly check the FAQ page on the web site. There has been some clarification of issues related to entry conditions, essay structure and judging/awarding.
- Make sure that you have adequate proof of eligibility. At the entry stage a signed photocopy is sufficient, however all short listed entrants will be required to present original documentation prior to their essay being considered by the competition judges.
- Figures are encouraged. They can help to present complex data in a meaningful way. They are also a bonus in that they do not add to the word count (apart from their titles). Diagrams can be powerful descriptors of complex interactions

What did they say?

“Not only will atomic power be released, but someday we will harness the rise and fall of the tides and imprison the rays of the sun” (**Thomas Edison**, 1921)

“And what is man without energy? Nothing – nothing at all” (**Mark Twain**)

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