



CUTTING CO₂ EMISSIONS TO KEEP GLOBAL WARMING BELOW 2°C IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPERATIVE, IT WOULD ALSO IMPROVE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE, NOT UNDERMINE IT

- ◆ In 2013, China set a new world record for annual solar installation: twelve gigawatts.
- ◆ In the USA, where renewables provided 37% of all new generating capacity, jobs in the solar industry are growing ten times the national average employment growth.
- ◆ There are more than 140,000 solar workers in the USA today.
- ◆ The REN21 global renewable-energy organisation recently published the results for new power generation added in 2013. The renewables share jumped to more than half for the first time, 56%, up 8.3% on 2012.
- ◆ More than 22% of global power production is now renewable.
- ◆ In Germany renewable energy generation is running at more than 30%.

The finance service Bloomberg has estimated that by 2030, two thirds of all global energy investment will be going to renewables.

The economic, cultural and political divide is clear. The financial and economic opportunity for the UK and global economy is huge. What is missing is political leadership. Instead politicians are flogging two dying horses, shale and nuclear, with blinkers on.