

Offshore electricity production is far better than inland wind infrastructure, which will always produce local and public opposition. Inland wind farms are politically toxic to any government, and are counterproductive to quality of life issues. People do not want to be suffocated by the presence of wind farms. It should also be recognized that any framework policy should be to encourage less use of electricity. Let's not get very carried away with electricity and the hundreds of thousands of pylons used to carry it. Wind farms at sea should not impose or overbear marina areas and be as discreet as possible.

It is also important to monitor the price of electricity and not to be catering for particular investors who may come to dominate a market. Wind power should be driving the price of electricity down — however the opposite is the case. And where discounts are offered: they are short-lived and companies use controversial pressure selling to sell these deals. In the long-run the customer, if they do not switch, go on the company's higher rate and lose out in the long run.

If, in the long run, there is a poor or negative environmental impact from wind power in the backdrop of higher prices — and there is evidence wind power has such an impact, then our government should not be overly enthusiastic about alternative power generation and take it with caution. The environmental lobby needs to consider the wider picture of pylons, electricity prices, monopoly interests, and not get solely carried away with climate change — which is a deputed science.

Our electrical needs in this country should be fairly small, given our very small populational and we should always review the bandwagon of a Eurozone grid where each country is competing with one another to connect up the EU. At the end of the day, if prices go up, and the countryside/marine areas are overtaken by electrical apparatus, nothing has been gained and much has been lost.