



The UK Government has just announced proposals to use our energy bills to give huge new subsidies to fund tree burning at power stations like Drax in Yorkshire and Lynemouth in Northumberland. Drax has promised to deliver Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) - burning wood and capturing resulting emissions underground. BECCS is unproven, has not been demonstrated anywhere at scale, is unlikely to reduce carbon in the atmosphere and would be extremely costly. But after a year-long planning process, the government has given the green light to Drax's carbon capture proposal for two of its large biomass units.

Money for Nothing

The 'transitional' subsidies amounting to as much as £12bn are supposed to be temporary until carbon capture technology is available, but there is no end-date for the subsidies and no binding obligation for generators to develop carbon capture. If approved, Drax, and Lynemouth could receive subsidies just for promising to build BECCS in the future, regardless of whether they follow through with those plans.

The Campaign for Climate Change has long campaigned alongside our friends in [Biofuelwatch](#) and the [Stop Burning Trees coalition](#) against the destructive practice of importing of vast quantities of wood to burn in UK power stations - subsidised by billions in public money.

Please [Write to your MP](#) asking them to stop the new subsidies for burning trees in UK power stations

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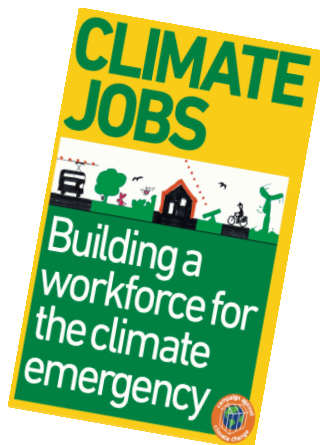


Gantry climber, Cressie Gethin 22, found guilty

Cressie took action in July 2022, demanding the UK government immediately halts all licensing and consents for new fossil fuel exploration and extraction. During the trial Cressie was prevented from talking about her reasons for taking action and was denied any legal defence by the judge. The court heard a witness testimony from acclaimed naturalist and television presenter, Chris Packham, who commented that those taking action like Cressie "should be commended for sounding a vital alarm". He added: "I support Cressie because I don't think she is getting a fair trial. I think, along with the UN, that the UK's protest laws and sentencing of protesters are unjust, draconian, and in conflict with our basic human rights." Cressie and two others face a jail sentence of up to 10 years. A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said, "the judiciary - like the police - is proving to be an effective arm of the oil and gas industry, by silencing and imprisoning members of the public taking nonviolent action against climate collapse. Future generations will be disgusted by rulings such as this."

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In January 2024, Tory MP and former Energy Minister and "Climate Csar", Chris Skidmore resigned his seat in protest at the government issuing new oil and gas licences. He said: "The UK is rowing ever further back from its climate commitments. We cannot expect other countries to phase out their fossil fuels when at the same time we continue to issue new licences to open new oil fields." As far as we're concerned, they should all resign!



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