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### **Coal-fired power station 'would face barriers'**

Any plans for a coal-fired base load power station in north Queensland would be likely to face 'environmental and social challenges' that 'may prove to be significant barriers for some investors' according to a 2014 Feasibility Study report by Townsville Enterprise/GHD<sup>1</sup>.

'The Prime Minister's support for a base load power station for the north appears to have generated a lot of excitement in the community. But one of the silliest ideas was for a coal-fired power station at Stuart, south of Townsville' said North Queensland Conservation Council Coordinator Wendy Tubman.

'The member for Burdekin, Dale Last, seems to have the right idea when he talks about a power station reliant on PV and solar thermal technology with gas back-up.

Coal-fired power stations are recognised worldwide as unhealthy. Even China is in the process of closing down all such power stations in Beijing as a move to cut the pollution that is creating dangerous levels of smog.

Coal-fired power stations are dinosaurs, destined to become stranded assets. The last thing we need to do is create more. Here in the north we are ideally suited to renewable energy. It is feasible and does not have the health or environmental costs associated with coal' Ms Tubman said.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dropbox.com/s/jz731dgf2ebye46/Summary%20Document.pdf>