

BP energy outlook – another look

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[china emissions by source](#) Another look at the BP energy outlook. One thing that used to be said by climate sceptics was there was no point in doing anything about climate change since China was producing so much more pollution. Its an argument I have not heard made for some time perhaps for a variety of reasons. Here is the data plotted that I pulled out of the BP energy outlook 2018. The graph shows emissions from coal, gas and oil for this country. As you can see two of the three are going to peak and start falling according to BP one of them soon in the case of coal (or it may already have peaked). This is hardly the actions of a country that is doing nothing. As we have covered on this site before there are a variety of reasons for China's actions including old fashioned air pollution. The graph below shows the historical and projected growth rates in different types of generation. As you see the idea that we should do nothing since China is opening a new coal fired power station every week is a little out of date. [china energy change](#) There are many things I do not like about the current Chinese government, but their action on climate change is to commended. Their contribution is also vital to meet the Paris targets and this criticism of them is out of date. Neil

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