



Press Release  
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## Denis Baupin, Vice President of French National Assembly, joins White Elephant Demonstration at Hinkley Point

On a beautiful Sunny Friday afternoon in Somerset, Denis Baupin and Molly Scott Cato MEP spoke eloquently in front of the greatest White Elephant in the history of UK construction, Hinkley Point.

Denis Baupin said *"EDF and Areva have said they want to build a new design not the one they are building here. A question I want to ask the British Government and the British people. If you know that there will be an iPhone 6 that will be cheaper and safer, why would you want to buy the old iPhone that has never worked and is so expensive?... You have to know that in France now they don't want to build an EPR. The one they want to build here (at Hinkley C) will be the last one in the world. France nuclear production will decrease from 75% of electricity to 50% in 2025.....I also want to say that the President of EDF said in a newspaper last week that nobody except the Chinese want to put money into the 2 EPRs because they are not so sure that it will work. This is the President of EDF saying this! And you know now that the Chinese don't want to put more than 30% not the 40% they were supposed to."* (This would leave EDF to make up 70% which they are unlikely to be able to do).

Molly Scott Cato said: *"In a globalised world I suppose we should consider the option of allowing foreign companies and governments to control our central infrastructure. Well personally I would consider that for about 5 minutes before deciding it's not a good idea, because it would mean loss of control and loss of security. What do we actually know about these Chinese companies that will be part of the deal?"*

*The most important thing we know is that they are part owned by the Chinese Government, which means they are controlled by the Chinese Communist Party. What kind of a bizarre world is it where a Conservative British Government is inviting the Chinese Communist Party to control our energy infrastructure?"*

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### PATRONS

The Lord Ashdown of Norton-sub-Hamdon, Raymond Briggs, Julie Christie,  
Terry Jones, Dr. Caroline Lucas MP, Michael Meacher MP and John Williams.

**Notes for Editors:**

This was filmed in full by BBC Points West but for reasons known only to themselves has not been released.



Part of transcript of Molly Scott Cato and Denis Baupin's speeches

**Molly Scott Cato:**

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By offering the money of the British people through their energy bills to such companies, our government is forcing us to collude in their very low environmental standards and employment standards and indeed the suppression of the Chinese people."

**Denis Baupin: (strong French accent)**

"I was in Fukushima two years ago and I saw in the eyes of the parents how they felt guilty and very anxious for their children who must eat, drink and



breathe in a place when everywhere there is nuclear poison. That is why for my life I will be against nuclear and I will try to make it never again happen.

That is why I started this enquiry about the cost (of nuclear) because I think that those who can be convinced of the danger of nuclear should have been with Fukushima.

Now we have to have other arguments so that they can understand that nuclear is not safe but also not a good or cheap way to produce electricity.....The French watchdog that is organising the tests for the EPR vessels currently being built say that this situation is very serious and they are not sure even that the vessels can work.

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