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### UK accused of Bullying Austria over Hinkley

Reacting to today's news that the UK Government has been accused of bullying Austria over its nuclear reactor lawsuit, Stop Hinkley Campaign spokesperson Roy Pumfrey said:

*“For the UK to resort to bullying tactics shows how desperate the Government is to salvage this increasingly moribund nuclear project, despite the fact that there are cheaper, more sustainable alternatives.”*

*“Given that the level of financial support being offered to EDF Energy for Hinkley is unavailable to other low carbon technologies, this would significantly distort competition. Austria has a strong case which is why UK and its nuclear industry friends are so frightened.”*

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#### Note to Editors

For a round-up of this morning's news coverage see  
<http://www.no2nuclearpower.org.uk/news/12-february-2015/>

**N.B.** An article on *The Telegraph* website this morning has confirmed that EDF Energy will miss its March deadline for making an investment decision on Hinkley. EDF Energy describes finalising the various agreements necessary as a “*considerable challenge*”. See <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/energy/11407745/Hinkley-Point-new-nuclear-plant-faces-further-delays.html>

The Stop Hinkley Campaign commented on these delays on Monday  
<http://www.stophinkley.org/PressReleases/pr150209.pdf>