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NUKES IN RYAN: DANIELS CHALLENGES LIBERALS

Ross Daniels, Labor Candidate for the Federal seat of Ryan, today challenged sitting Liberal MP Michael Johnson to identify the locations in and around Ryan that he believes are suitable for nuclear power stations.

"Mr Johnson's government has endorsed the Switkowski Report which suggests several nuclear power stations in Queensland.

"In all fairness, Mr Johnson should go further and tell voters where he believes these nuclear power plants should be sited.

"He obviously thinks it is acceptable to have nuclear power stations in and around urban and coastal areas in South East Queensland and people are entitled to be told where."

Mr Daniels said the government's stance on nuclear power generation was typically short sighted, selfish and dangerous.

"John Howard says he would be happy with a nuclear plant next door – does Michael Johnson support a nuclear plant next door to voters in Ryan?

"Their nuclear power proposal is not a climate change solution, but is another dangerous and expensive legacy for future generations," Mr Daniels said.

Mr Daniels said the collective selfishness of the coalition was endorsed by Ryan's sitting member, Michael Johnson.

"Mr Johnson has supported the federal government's refusal to act on climate change, but has remained mute on the prospect of Ryan itself hosting a nuclear power station.

"Instead, future generations and other communities are being forced to bear the double burden of dealing with climate change and storing and disposing of highly toxic waste, which will be massively subsidised by taxpayers.

"The government's lack of vision had starved alternative energy research so that now Australia was no longer at the leading edge of development of solar and other alternative energy technologies," Mr Daniels said.

"Now, faced with the results of that deliberate shunning of leading edge research, they suddenly decide to go nuclear, to give the false impression they care about climate change.

"When he identifies his nuclear power station sites, Mr. Johnson should also answer the question of who is going to pay, and when?" Mr. Daniels said.

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