



The Bullroarer - Tuesday 12th February 2008

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The Age - [Australia set to Stay in Nuclear Club](#)

AUSTRALIA appears set to remain in a controversial global group of nuclear energy countries, even though green groups fear the country could end up being the world's radioactive waste dump.

ABC Landline - [Green Power From Bagasse](#)

In northern New South Wales the sugar cane industry is undergoing its biggest revolution since mechanical harvesters replaced cane cutters and their knives. The industry's 650 growers are the key components of a 180 million dollar green energy project that will radically change every aspect of their operations. It's a huge and expensive challenge but if it works it will put more money in farmers' pockets, make green energy available to hundreds of thousands of homes and snuff out spectacular cane fires forever.

SMH - [Water will be the next big battle ground](#)

The Age - [Victoria looks to the rain-soaked north and asks: what about us?](#)

The Age - [In the Land of the Dutch Black the Cyclist is King of the Road](#)

I'D HEARD the stories about the Dutch Black, but nothing prepared me for the alternative universe that is Amsterdam. It was clear from the moment I stepped off the train that my wildest fantasies were about to become reality.

I'm not talking about the sex and drugs; heaps of cities have that. It was the bikes — they were everywhere and in every shape and size imaginable: bikes for cruising, bikes for shopping, bikes for couples, bikes for carrying a whole tantrum of toddlers, and even bikes for the frail and wobbly.

The Australian - [Garrett wanders into a minefield on natural gas](#)

SMH - [Woodside Buys Shell's North West Shelf Interests](#)

[Australia Mulls Carbon Reporting Rules](#)

Australian firms will have to collect data on their carbon emissions from later this year, under new reporting rules being considered by the government.

SMH - [It's going to rain](#)

RAIN, rain and more rain. That's the forecast for the next two months as Sydney yearns for a little ray of summer sunshine. The incredible deluge has been filling dams at a rate of knots and has put the Kurnell desalination plant site under water.

Appin's Cataract Dam is full for the first time since December 1999, with water starting to spill on Thursday night. Shoalhaven's Tallowa Dam, which supplies that region and is used to top up Warragamba Dam during dry spells, is also full. As at 9am yesterday, Sydney had received a whopping 172.4 millimetres since the start of February, compared with 4.4 millimetres for the same period last year. ...

La Nina, the opposite of the drought-causing El Nino, causes extensive cooling of the central and eastern Pacific Ocean. On the east coast, that equates to wetter weather. Sydney's dams are at 64 per cent of capacity, up 3 per cent in just a week. The water supply was at an all-time low at just 33.9 per cent in February last year.

Upstream Online - [Apache kicks off Gippsland hunt](#)



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