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## Against nuclear power, for a “Beautiful World”

Australian singer Rich Webb has committed to supporting the removal of all nuclear power plants in Germany by donating 15 euro cents for each download of his song ‘Beautiful World’ to the German anti-nuclear organisation ‘.ausgestrahlt!’.

The Beautiful World single was released on October 22 and is currently spinning on radio stations around the world. ‘.ausgestrahlt’ is Germany’s principal anti-nuclear organisation and operates under the banner “Atomkraft – nein danke!”.

The move is in line with Rich Webb’s stance on nuclear power and the continued lack of a global solution for nuclear waste, and is in direct response to the recent about-face by German Chancellor Angela Merkel in relation to the use of nuclear power in Europe’s biggest economy, Webb’s second home.

In September Chancellor Merkel reneged on an agreement struck in 2002 by the previous German government to phase out nuclear power by 2021 and committed her support to extend the lifespan of Germany’s 17 nuclear reactors by an average of 12 years.

The decision led to massive demonstrations across Germany, the largest since the Chernobyl disaster in 1986, and general consternation across Europe. It again highlighted the absence of any final waste depository anywhere around the globe as nuclear waste continues to mount – at a rate of 450 tonnes a year in Germany alone.

This is where the German nuclear issue could also become an Australian matter. For while Australia has no nuclear power, it is one of the world’s largest suppliers of uranium to the rest of the world’s nuclear power stations and there is growing talk in Australia such as from former Prime Minister Bob Hawke of “a global obligation” for the country to take this waste back and place it a huge repository in the middle of the red continent.

The current Australian Labor government is also proceeding to build the country’s first nuclear waste dump in Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory against the wishes of the site’s traditional aboriginal owners.

Australian singer Rich Webb has decided to fight the evil at its root and to engage in Germany, a country which has been a big supporter of his music in recent years. That’s why he is donating 15 euro cents for every download of his latest single ‘Beautiful World’ to Germany’s ‘.ausgestrahlt!’.

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“The theme of the ‘Beautiful World’ song is wholly appropriate,” says Webb. “It’s about what it would look like my perfect world - which would mean the end of nuclear power plants in any neighbourhood, including Germany, and no gigantic nuclear waste dump anywhere.”

“The song also includes the phrase “It’s a beautiful world - if you want it to be” - meaning everyone should be doing all they can to make the world a better place. So let’s get to it!”

Rich Webb is taking responsibility in Germany. And if you can imagine a future world for our children without nuclear power and related waste, you should download the song on iTunes or Amazon and support the action. It’s a gentle way to provide resistance - together, for a better future.

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**Buy ‘Beautiful World’ in Germany:**

<http://itunes.apple.com/de/album/beautiful-world-radio-edit/id392794455?i=392794481>

**Buy ‘Beautiful World’ elsewhere:**

<http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewArtist?id=41075033>

**Watch the ‘Beautiful World’ video:**

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