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It is clear that the GSD have still to learn the simple lesson that people in glass houses should not throw stones.

Their latest statement on the power station smacks of complete desperation and ignores their own questionable behaviour on the same subject when they were in office.

The GSD Government firstly abandoned the question of power generation and supply for nearly a decade during their time in office, despite a number of reports which indicated that both Waterport Power Station and the electricity distribution network were on their last legs.

When they finally came round to the idea of replacing the creaking power station, they did so in a manner which was secretive and far from transparent with very little public debate and even less information placed in the public domain. It will be recalled that it was only AFTER the GSLP/Liberals came into office that we discovered that the reality of the height of the stacks at Lathbury had been concealed from the electorate. Indeed, they even had plans to increase the cost of electricity to the consumer by over 100% over a period of time and went to an election saying nothing about it.

It is also worth noting that the power station at Lathbury Barracks did not even go before the Development and Planning Commission.

This Government, in sharp contrast, has made more information available on the subject than ever before and continues to do so. The award of the tender was announced and the Environmental Impact Assessment was made available on-line for everybody to look at.

It is also rather odd that the issue continues to be fronted by an unelected spokesperson who is answerable to no one instead of by the Shadow Minister for the Environment who is paid by the taxpayer to do precisely that job.