

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Dirty laundry: Are your clothes polluting the ocean?:** In an indoor "Manchester-drizzle-simulating" rain room at the University of Leeds, and in a laundry lab in Plymouth, research is revealing the unexpected environmental cost of the very clothes on our backs. (bbc.co.uk 06/07/2017)
- **Seaweed shown to reduce 99% methane from cattle:** News that a slight dietary change could dramatically reduce the amount of environmentally harmful methane gas released by cattle has been given an enthusiastic welcome by Irish farmers. (irishtimes.com 16/07/2017)
- **Here's Elon Musk's Plan to Power the U.S. on Solar Energy:** Tesla CEO Elon Musk — whose company makes electric cars and has a new solar roof panel division — reminded more than 30 state governors at the National Governors Association meeting this weekend exactly how much real-estate is needed to make sure America can run totally on solar energy. (inverse.com 16/07/2017)
- **UK threatens to return radioactive waste to EU without nuclear deal:** Brexit department warns EU counterparts it will 'return waste to its country of origin' if an agreement on nuclear cooperation cannot be reached. (theguardian.com 19/07/2017)
- **Use waste rather than crops for biofuels, says UK report:** Biofuels made from genuine waste can help can reduce carbon emissions and should be encouraged, says a report commissioned by the UK government. (newsscientist.com 14/07/2017)
- **UK's 'largest solar carport' – with additional storage – planned for St Ives Park & Ride:** Cambridgeshire County Council has received planning permission for what it claims will be the UK's largest solar carport. (solarpowerportal.co.uk 18/07/2017)
- **France to 'ban all petrol and diesel vehicles by 2040':** France will outlaw the sale of all petrol and diesel vehicles by 2040, its new environment minister, Nicolas Hulot, has announced. (telegraph.co.uk 06/07/2017)

And finally...

- **Volvo admits its self-driving cars are confused by kangaroos:** Swedish company's animal detection system can identify and avoid deer, elk and caribou, but is yet to work against the marsupials' movements. (theguardian.com 01/07/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

More good news this week at Aardvark EM's sister company, Aardvark Certification who have been appointed by **ADBA** as a certification body to pilot their new Best Practice Certification Scheme prior to its formal launch in Autumn 2017. Click here to view the whole story aardvarkcertification.com.

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