

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Pumped hydro project that reuses old goldmine expected to win federal funding:** Combined solar and pumped hydro generator set to provide quarter of shortfall from Liddell power station's closure. (theguardian.com 21/09/2017)
- **Government set to approve 'mini' nuclear reactors in coming months:** The Government looks set to give the green light to the development of "mini" nuclear reactors in the coming months, in what will mark a welcome development after years of delays. (telegraph.co.uk 15/09/2017)
- **Dyson to invest £2bn in EV rollout:** British engineering firm Dyson is set to enter the electric vehicle (EV) market with the launch of a new model by 2020. (edie.net 27/09/2017)
- **The final straw: how to follow Wetherspoon's and ditch the plastic:** The pub chain's decision to do away with straws is expected to stop 70m of them ending up in landfill or the sea every year. Here are some other plastics we perhaps could do without (theguardian.com 26/09/2017)
- **Scottish Water completes largest solar project to date in move away from subsidy support:** The majority of the electricity generated at the 1.2MWp solar scheme is used on site, with offsetting electrical consumption now the primary focus of projects. (solarpowerportal.co.uk 21/09/2017)
- **Hydrogen fuel cell unveiled in Orkney:** Surf 'n' Turf is a pilot project, looking to circumvent local grid constraints by generating hydrogen from tidal and wind energy. It has £1.3m of Scottish Government funding through the CARES programme and Local Energy Challenge Fund. (electronicsweekly.com 28/09/2017)
- **Energy from evaporating water could rival wind and solar:** Water evaporating from lakes and reservoirs could provide a huge amount of electricity, but scaling up the technology will be tricky. (newscientist.com 26/09/2017)

And finally...

- **Bad karma for the Buddhists who released hundreds of lobsters into the Channel:** When John Lennon sang 'Instant karma's gonna get you', what he can't have had in mind is the sight of buddhists releasing hundreds of lobsters into the Channel to save them from the pot. (telegraph.co.uk 22/09/2017)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark has successfully completed a permit variation on behalf of Monmouthshire Council to include the discharge of an aluminum, used as a flocculent to reduce suspended solids in their treated effluent from the treatment plan at Monmouthshire Livestock Centre. For all the Aardvark news go to www.aardvarkem.co.uk.

