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I am very concerned about the proposal to install diesel combustion turbines on PEI.

These turbines would be expensive to purchase and to install and will pollute the environment. They are not new and would be subject to breakage. They will be powered by oil, a costly commodity that we must use less of if we care about leaving the planet in a liveable condition for future generations. The obvious solution is a Battery Storage System which is much gentler environmentally. It would also cost less, which would mean Islanders would be charged less for electricity. Many Islanders are currently paying more than they can afford for electricity with the result that 31.2 per cent of children on PEI live in food-insecure households according to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' 2025 Report Card on Child and Family Poverty on Prince Edward Island. The government of PEI must do everything in its power to reduce this figure, which includes providing electricity at the lowest possible cost. I urge IRAC to listen to its own experts who are advising against the diesel combustion turbines and in favour of the Battery Storage System which is clearly superior in several significant ways.

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