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**We must plan now or face a return to Roman times**

Our civilisation is energy intensive and we cannot turn it off without crashing. Turn the energy off and we do not just go back to Medieval times but much further. There would be no society as we know it. It's back to Roman times.

With the Industrial Revolution and the migration from the countryside to the cities we changed our relationship with energy and nature. Before, each village or town was self-sufficient and energy came predominantly from two sources - wood and coal. The population was low and our demands for energy were easily met by our environment.

But come the revolution things changed. The population exploded and concentrated itself in cities. People needed energy and so did industry. So we concentrated its generation and distributed it in the form of oil, gas and electricity. We have now gone so far down this road that there is no turning back. It would be nice to run society using sources of energy that do not pollute such as wind, wave and solar power but our current technical capabilities in these areas do not add up to the amount of energy that our society requires.

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**Vocabulaire :**

coal : is a hard black substance that is extracted from the ground and burned as fuel.