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Time and tide wait on nuclear power

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The government's seeming unwillingness to engage in a proper consultation over nuclear power is baffling. A true public discourse would prevent environmental groups from dominating the debate with accusations of secrecy that have so far seen the development of a rational energy policy thwarted.

In Finland the government discussed the nuclear issue thoroughly in a variety of committees. As a result, campaigning by both sides was largely businesslike and lobbying restrained. The government was able to win the argument by engaging the public in an informed debate that left extremist groups at the margins. Let's hope the British government can learn from this.

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