



CEFC Expert Review
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Submission to CEFC Expert Review

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on Clean Energy Futures Corporation.

Queensland environment organisations have a public position on clean energy that supports a 100% implementation of these sources as soon as possible. Whilst written in the Queensland context, it can easily be applied to the national context.

The government should require a 100% renewable energy target for Queensland. The Queensland Renewable Energy Plan must require specific targets for the uptake of solar, geothermal, wind, wave and other renewable energy sources by 2020. This applies a similar approach to the implementation of the 18% by 2020 gas scheme.

Queensland Government should strategically invest in renewable power plants for base load energy supply starting where locations are the most viable for these energy sources.

As part of achieving a 100% renewable target, the government must commit to no new coal-fired power stations and set a phase out date for coal-fired electricity generation in Queensland, shifting investment into renewables.

Queensland must take a broad renewable energy portfolio approach and investigate and support the development of other emerging renewable technologies in the context of meeting a 100% renewable target as soon as possible.

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Scope of the CEFC

The CEFC should adopt a goal of transforming Australia into a nation that derives all of its energy from clean and renewable sources. This goal should frame all the activities of the CEFC, which should be designed to meet this goal as soon as possible.

The CEFC needs to set its goals and draft a strategic plan as a first step. Having completed this task, the CEFC should construct its activities to meeting the requirements of the Clean Energy Package-recognising that this represents only a first step in reaching the ultimate goal.

The strategic pathway for this is important. If the CEFC simply seeks to meet the requirements of the current package without determining its long term goals, it will run the real risk of investing in short term and potentially costly and inappropriate actions.

The CEFC has an opportunity to set the agenda for the long term energy future of the nation. It should see the current Clean Energy package in that context. It is not the end game.

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