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Environment groups are suggesting this could be used to fund rail and other projects for the Galilee Basin coal projects for example. Would these projects be potentially eligible?

- The Facility will target projects that have the ability to generate a return, but not at a level sufficient to be 100 per cent financed by the private sector.
- The Commonwealth will not lend to projects that are commercially viable without Government assistance, to ensure that the Government is not crowding out the private sector.
 - If the Galilee Basin coal projects would not be commercially viable without Government assistance they may be eligible. There are a number of examples of existing rail projects connecting large resource deposits to ports that are commercially viable.
 - Treasury is developing eligible criteria and project proponents should wait until these are released before assessing whether they are likely to meet the criteria.

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