

Dear Sir

We wish to make a submission to the CEFC.

We are strong supporters of community owned energy projects and want to be able to belong to more other than Hepburn Wind, particularly in SE Qld where we live.

We believe that there are three basic requirements for supporting the community energy sector:

- recognise the value of engaging the community in the clean energy transition by specifically including community energy projects
- ensure that community projects are not ruled out due to their relatively small scale
- make provision for early stage equity investment in community projects

We believe that the community energy sector warrants specific attention in the construction of the CEFC as it will underpin community understanding of and support for both clean energy policy and the roll out of clean energy infrastructure.

We believe that the local economic and social benefits of these projects will play a vital role in building the broad social licence for renewables.

We believe that a vibrant community energy sector is an economically efficient and socially desirable solution for building the social licence required to dramatically drive towards a clean energy future in Australia.

We also believe community owned energy projects are a great way to offset our emissions generated in air travel etc.

Yours Faithfully

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