

I understand that the Clean Energy Finance Corporation will direct \$10 billion of the funds collected from the big polluters towards driving commercial investments in clean energy.

I submit that the community energy sector must be included in the grants and/or investment assistance provided by the CEFC. There are already many community groups producing clean energy and it is vital that these be encouraged and that provision be made for early stage equity investment in further community projects. The danger is that, because they are frequently of small size, they could slip through the net of support.

Not only is it important to provide material support, it is also important that community projects be supported because they have the ear of their various communities, and can thus have an important effect on public support for renewables. Thus they have the effect of assisting the overall move towards clean energy.

In conclusion, I urge you to include the community energy sector in your plans.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Harper