

I write to support the funding of community sector energy projects. In particular the government should recognise the value of engaging the community in the clean energy transition by specifically including community energy projects. It is important that community projects are not ruled out due to their relatively small scale and that provision is made for early stage equity investment in community projects.

The community energy sector warrants specific attention in the construction of the Clean Energy Finance Corporation as it will underpin community understanding of and support for both clean energy policy and the roll out of clean energy infrastructure.

Local government in my area has recently proposed that my small town, Riddells Creek, should double its population by 2030. Many local residents support a small scale wind energy project to be built at the same time as other infrastructure is developed to accommodate this increase. We hope community energy projects such as this will be eligible for funding.

Yours Sincerely
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