

CEFC planners, gentlemen

I know this is a superficial means of communication and a sniper's target too hard to resist, but Australians are very much tired of the quality of political leadership you provide. Our environmental problems demand a bipartisan and internationalist approach, creativity and diplomacy.

You all travel widely, see the world's problems and meet many well informed generalists and also specialists in technical arenas. You must have observed European, Chinese, Middle Eastern and North American efforts to provide and promote renewable energy. Yet Australia flounders.

One problem is the quality of the public service, which has through a process of politicisation, been weakened. The corollary: politicians have too much power!

So I submit that the CEFC will need superb leadership and tenured, bright, committed and bold public servants with 'long sight' and commercial experience, who can counter the short-term views that especially lately characterise political life in Australia. It is also an opportunity for Australian research to flourish.

The CEFC will be a godsend if it helps governments collaborate with Australian business, academe, landowners and householders.

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