

BEST PRACTICE CHARTER FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS

Governance arrangements

The commitment

Signatories (defined as those companies who commit to honour the Charter) of the Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Developments ('The Charter') agree to honour the commitments set out in the Charter for the projects and assets they develop following their joining the Charter.

While Signatories are committed to pursuing best practice and will seek to abide by the spirit of the Charter in their existing/legacy projects, it is recognised that the Charter applies to new developments and is not retrospective.

Public display of commitment

The Clean Energy Council will maintain and publish an up-to-date list of Signatories to the Charter on its web site.

Signatories must publish a copy of the signed Charter on their corporate and project web sites.

Eligibility

Signatories to the Charter must be members of the Clean Energy Council and involved in the development, delivery and operation of large-scale renewable energy facilities.

Changes to the Charter

Should a proposal be made to alter the Charter wording, the CEC will consult all Signatories and the relevant CEC Directorates on any proposed changes.

Final determination as to whether the Charter should be amended will be made by the CEC.

The CEC will provide a reasonable notice period for any change, and members will be required to update the Charter on their web site or other channels.

Voluntary withdrawal from the Charter

A Signatory may decide at any time to withdraw from the Charter. In doing so, the Signatory's brand will be removed from the Charter, and the Signatory should also remove the Charter from its web site and cease to display the Charter or use it in its public communications

Honouring the Charter

In honouring the Charter, Signatories are solely responsible for managing any concerns raised directly with them or via the CEC.

The CEC may approach companies in the event that it is concerned with a Signatory's commitment to honouring the Charter, and reserves the right to:

- remove the company as a Signatory
- request that the Signatory cease to display the Charter on its web site/s or in any other public and private forums
- request that the Signatory cease to refer to itself as a Signatory to the Charter, and
- publish on the CEC web site the date that the Signatory was removed.

In the event that a Signatory to the Charter sells an asset, companies accept responsibility for passing on commitments contained within the Charter to the purchaser/s.