

# BEST PRACTICE CHARTER FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

## Governance arrangements

### The commitment

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

### Public display of commitment

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

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

### Eligibility

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

### Changes to the Charter

The Charter will be reviewed on a periodic basis to ensure that it continues to reflect best practice. 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 Signatories will be required to update the Charter on their website 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/list of Charter Signatories, and the Signatory should also remove the Charter from its website 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 website/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 website 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.

### Reporting

Signatories are required to report annually how they are adhering to the 10 commitments across their portfolio. The CEC expects signatories to report on how they are engaging respectfully with the communities in which they are operating, how they are being sensitive to environmental, agricultural and cultural values and how they are making a positive contribution to the regions in which they operate.

Each signatory's latest annual reporting against the Best Practice Charter will be published on the CEC website.

Failure to provide this annual reporting within a reasonable timeframe will lead to a company being removed as a signatory. The Signatory's logo will be removed from the Charter/list of Charter Signatories, and the Signatory must also remove the Charter from its website and cease to display the Charter or use it in its public communications.