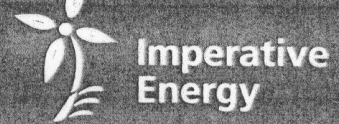


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Re: An Energy Strategy for Ireland

Dear My Lyons

Many thanks for the recent copy of the above named strategy. I have reviewed the document and it contains many very welcome comments and initiatives.

I would like to urge the Irish Energy Research Council and SEI, as the body now charged with establishing a programme of applied RD&D, to ensure that this applied research programme is designed to be industry led. This bottom up approach is badly needed in the renewable energy sector at present as too often the response from agencies such as SEI, COFORD and Enterprise Ireland is that company ideas for applied research do not fit within the terms of their programmes.

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While accepting that broad priorities must be set by the State agencies, it is important to appreciate that this sector is very fluid at present and constantly changing. Therefore, supporting R&D programmes need to allow pioneering companies to quickly adopt to new opportunities and threats through a suitably designed applied R&D programme.

I look forward to seeing the recommendations of your report take shape and wish you every success with the implementation of same.

Yours sincerely

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