

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

Re: submission to All Island Energy Market Consultation process

This is a submission on behalf of Donegal County Development Board (CDB) to the All Island Energy Market consultation process. Donegal CDB recognise the importance of the whole area of renewable energies in terms of bringing about economic, environmental and social benefit to the county. This has been given expression in the key policy objectives set out in An Straitéis 2002 - 2012, the integrated County Strategy for Social, Cultural and Economic Development. There is substantial potential for the development of this sector along a number of fronts. There is considerable experience and expertise within the county both in terms of having identified the potential that exists in renewable energies and also in terms of key issues which need to be addressed if the full potential of this sector is to be realised for the North West.

Donegal CDB, in association with the following groups, hosted a workshop on the 14th July to discuss the potential for development of the renewables sector in County Donegal:

Environment sectoral forum
Economic Forum
Agriculture sectoral forum
Forestry forum

Attached please find a report from the workshop, which summarises the main barriers to progress in the sector, and also makes recommendations on local and national supports needed to progress the sector.

Please feel to contact us if there is any additional information that you require.

Kind regards,
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