



# BEST PRACTICE CHARTER FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

We commit to honouring the Clean Energy Council's Best Practice Charter in our renewable energy projects and associated transmission infrastructure:

- 1 We will engage respectfully with the local community, including Traditional Owners of the land, to seek their views and input before submitting a development application and finalising the design of the project.
- 2 We will provide timely information and be accessible and responsive in addressing the local community's feedback and concerns throughout the life of the project.
- 3 We will be sensitive to areas of high biodiversity, cultural and landscape value in the development and operation of projects.
- 4 We will minimise the impacts on highly productive agricultural land and explore opportunities to integrate agricultural production.
- 5 We will consult the community on the potential visual, noise, traffic and other impacts of the project, and on the mitigation options.
- 6 We will support the local economy by providing local employment and procurement opportunities.
- 7 We will offer communities the opportunity to share in the benefits of the project, and consult them on the options available, including relevant governance arrangements.
- 8 We commit to using the project to support educational and tourism opportunities where appropriate.
- 9 We will demonstrate responsible land stewardship over the life of the project and welcome opportunities to enhance the ecological, cultural and/or agricultural value of the land.
- 10 During the life of the project, we will recycle waste materials where feasible and commit to responsible decommissioning or refurbishment/repowering of the site at the end of the project's life.

## Acknowledgement

- Yes, OX2 would like to become a signatory to the Clean Energy Council's Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Developments.
- We acknowledge the governance arrangements which support the Charter (overleaf).

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Date: 2 July 2024

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## 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.