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There is clear evidence of recent intensive lobbying by the nuclear and fossil fuel industries, seeking to influence the work of the Energy Committee and thereby, undermine the Scottish Government's renewable energy targets. These attempts to gain “backstairs, behind the scenes” influence must be strenuously resisted.

Nobody who has studied this issue in any detail, is now in any doubt that Scotland's future energy needs can ALL be met by renewable energy which will be both reliable and economic. I appreciate that it will take some bold decisions to achieve this, by rejecting further new investment in fossil fuels and nuclear, but this will surely be the only sustainable and sane future for our country.

I have learned what the respected energy consultants Garrad Hassan (http://www.gl-garradhassan.com/en/index.php) have had to say on this matter and they have concluded that Scotland CAN meet our 2020 targets. Furthermore, they advise that we will be able to phase out all nuclear and fossil fuel derived power by 2030, whilst continuing to maintain a secure and economic energy supply AND we would be able to export energy surplus to our needs.

I have read a recent report by Scottish Renewables, which confirms that almost 80% of the Scottish people are enthusiastic about renewable energy and want to have a green and clean energy future.

Have no fear. The Scottish people will fully endorse your decision, if you choose a renewable energy future for our nation.

Angus Langlands
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