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Alex Salmond has made repeated references to the earning Scotland’s potential for extensive revenue generation through provision of renewable energy, even using this as a cornerstone of economic independence from the UK. This would entail the need for extensive investment in order to provide the infrastructure required for this industry, this cannot be undertaken at short notice.

Scotland’s energy future could be green, affordable and reliable. But for this to happen politicians need to stand up and support renewables over polluting fossil fuels or nuclear.

According to research carried out by Scottish Renewables, nearly 80% of Scots support renewable energy and see the benefits of moving to clean, green electricity.

Scotland’s renewable energy targets are perfectly achievable. Research by the world’s leading energy consultants Garrad Hassan shows that not only could we meet our 2020 targets but that by 2030, Scotland could phase out all fossil fuel and nuclear power, maintain a secure electricity supply and generate significant revenue from renewable exports.

I hope your inquiry makes clear that Scotland’s future is in clean, green renewable energy.

Cairn Mahoney
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