



Cornwall Sustainable
Energy Partnership

CSEP is a public & private sector partnership working to achieve a sustainable energy future for Cornwall, its communities and businesses

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Cornwall awaits News of Climate Change Bill in Today's Queen's Speech.

The eagerly awaited and much vaunted Climate Change Bill will finally be announced today in the Queen's Speech.

'For the past two years since the Energy Minister launched the Energy Strategy for Cornwall 'Action Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow' we have been awaiting news of how the Government will take the huge problem of Climate Change seriously enough to warrant primary legislation. We await the Queen's Speech with great expectation.' says Tim German, Director of Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership (CSEP) who, only two weeks ago was speaking at the Treasury on the day that Gordon Brown and Tony Blair released the Stern Review.

Sir Nick Stern's Review on the 'Economic of Climate Change' announced that if the world's economy is to not suffer the absolute catastrophe that is predicted government's need to urgently spend 1% of their countries GDP on climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership has estimated that if Cornwall is to emulate this it will mean an annual bill of approximately £56 million.

Tim German continues ***'I hope that the Government show great bravery in their approach to Climate Change legislation. It is no longer a subject which has to be dealt with by platitudes and 'yes but no but' reasoning.'***

CSEP believes that Climate Change, Energy Sustainability and the oncoming of Peaking International Oil supply are major issues for 'peripheral' Cornwall and the future of its communities and businesses.

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Notes to editors

- **Community Energy Plus (CEP)** is a registered charity (Number 1068990) and profit-recycling company. Established in 1998 with financial support from Carrick District Council, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Health Authority and the Energy Saving Trust. CEP manages the international award-winning* Home Health project which was developed by the 72 members of the Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership.
- The **Cornwall Sustainable Energy Partnership** (founded in 2001) and managed by CEP, is a consortium of 72 organisations from the public, private and health sectors that are committed to a multi sector approach to a sustainable energy future for Cornwall. It is the first partnership of its kind in the UK and is providing a model for other parts of the UK. www.csep.co.uk
- CEP manages the **Cornwall Energy Efficiency Advice Centre** supported by the Energy Saving Trust (EST) and the County and District Authorities of Cornwall. It is one of 52 independent centres across the UK, providing free, impartial and locally relevant advice to households. Please call free on **0800 512012**.

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