

SCOTLAND'S ENERGY INDUSTRY IS A **DEFINING** **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.**

Delivering it will require a pragmatic approach, rooted in domestic energy, advanced manufacturing and regional regeneration, that recognises the value of all assets in our energy mix to secure jobs, attract major investment and strengthen energy security.

All forms of renewable energy and grid come as a package. That means more electricity generation, stronger grid connections and new network infrastructure. As part of a wider, coordinated energy system, this is necessary to help meet the future demand of our homes and businesses across the country.

Scotland needs a coordinated national effort to back domestic energy production and build its critical infrastructure.

Stable policy support is essential for attracting the long-term investment needed to create an affordable, secure and reliable energy system.

These projects must reduce impacts where possible, engage communities early and continue delivering clear local benefit through skilled jobs, apprenticeships, supply chain opportunities, climate action and new investment in local economies.

I support a coherent energy strategy that backs Scotland's geographic strengths and growth opportunities to drive the investment and infrastructure needed to power a competitive and resilient economy.

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