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I understand that the above bills are before the Upper House at present.

You will notice that biogas, can be converted to biomethane and injected into a gas grid or alternatively used as a transport fuel. My contention/view is that biogas plants should receive a greater incentive than say any of the other forms of renewable energy (wind/solar/geothermal/wave) simply because these forms of renewable energy can only produce renewable electricity.

Also; the first two are intermittent forms of renewable energy and the other two are baseload. The last two (even though they are baseload forms of renewable energy) are also situated some distance from major population centres.

Biogas plants can produce baseload forms of renewable energy at sewage treatment plants or landfill sites. The used substrate can also be used as a soil secondment or fertiliser.

My view is that the producers of biogas, should therefore receive 4x the incentive of other forms of renewable energy. You will note that the bills before Federal Parliament do not take account of the conversion of biogas into biomethane which can then be injected into a gas grid. The bills therefore; should make allowance for the conversion of the biogas into biomethane and should be re-named the Renewable Energy (Electricity, Natural Gas & Biomethane) Amendment Bills.

Happy to discuss.

Regards,

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