

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Xenophon asked:**

On what date did the Government (including any Ministerial advisors) raise the prospect with the Clean Energy Finance Corporation of a change in arrangements to allow the Corporation to finance Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) projects?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government publicly signalled its position on the desirability of a technology agnostic approach to reducing emissions, including via both High Efficiency Low Emissions (HELE) coal and Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), in the Prime Minister's National Press Club address on 1 February 2017.

Please note an actual change in arrangements in respect of CCS projects cannot occur until the prohibition in the *Clean Energy Finance Corporation Act 2012* is amended or repealed by the Parliament.