

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

Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Senator Xenophon asked:

What resources does the Corporation have at its disposal to assess whether the geology of a planned location is suitable for CCS?

Answer:

None – the CEFC is prohibited from investing in CCS. In any case the CEFC is more like a finance house than an engineering firm and does not perform operational technical assessment.

Should the prohibition be amended or repealed so as to allow CCS, the CEFC would adopt the same process it does for other technologies where it deems it necessary to mitigate risk:

- Firstly, it would take its lead from the proponent/s, and
- Secondly, from independent experts that were selected with the approval of the CEFC and/or the banking syndicate.

This is a quite common practice within the CEFC and our industry more broadly as we finance a number of innovative and often complex technologies.