



**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

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Dear Arlene

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As you may be aware, the Committee has agreed to launch an inquiry into renewable energy titled 'Barriers to the Development of Renewable Energy Production and its Associated Contribution to the Northern Ireland Economy.'

The inquiry will identify the main barriers that are inhibiting the development of renewable energy production. It will also bring forward recommendations on how these barriers can be overcome in order to optimise the development of renewable energy technologies, the contribution of renewable energy to the local economy and the production energy from renewable sources. I enclose a copy of the full terms of reference for your consideration.

On behalf of the Committee, I would welcome your views and request them by 31 August.

I look forward to hearing your views on this very important issue.

Yours Sincerely,

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