

# **Westminster Parliamentary Reflections**

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Sponsor of Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill

# Microgeneration in Parliament

- Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill.
- Private Members' Bill – legislation launched by backbench MPs.
- Government policies on microgeneration.

# Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Bill

- National targets for microgeneration.
- Reduce regulatory barriers.
- 'Buy-back'
- Access to ROCs
- Changes in planning law to make it easier to install microgeneration units.
- Enable future building regulations changes
- Renewable heat, energy efficiency, community energy measures, duty on Local Authorities.

- House of Commons
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – June 2005
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 11 November 2005
  - Committee Stage (3 sittings)
  - Report Stage – 10 & 17 March 2006
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading – 12 May 2006
- House of Lords
  - Led by Lord Whitty of Camberwell:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading - 12 May 2006
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 25 May 2006
  - Next steps
    - Committee
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading
    - Royal Assent (hopefully by year end, possibly before summer recess)
- Full cross-party front bench support for Bill, including over half of all MPs (*circa 350 EDM + government*).
- Rising Parliamentary (and public) interest in microgeneration.
- Where now for microgeneration?