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New Thinking For Energy



Political stability, transparency and legitimacy

- The problem: sudden changes in policy and little medium-term direction
- Three routes to long-term political stability of direction for policy ('credible commitment') in energy transformations?
 1. Delegation to politically insulated, technocratic body (CCC, NIC...)
 2. Cross-party consensus – works better in PR systems with coalition governments than in FPTP(?)
 3. Policy feedback processes (*Energiewende*)
- All have limits, but should UK invest more in 2 and 3?

Question for session participants:

Which country has the most politically stable long-term framework for energy transformation, and what can we learn from it?