Energy planning and energy transition: 5 perspectives on Ontario's clean energy opportunity

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If you put five lawyers in a room, you'll get five different opinions.

It is from this perspective that five members of BLG's electricity markets group provides their views on David Collie's Jan. 19, 2024 Electrification and Energy Transition Panel report titled "Ontario's Clean Energy Opportunity" (the Report).

The scope of the Report is ambitious - outlining the opportunity for Ontario to prosper and leverage its clean energy advantage to facilitate the local economic growth – but the result is light on details. The common refrain appears to be that it was "underwhelming."

However, the Report delivers on the panel's terms of reference. And while providing 29 sensible, albeit academic, recommendations, much of the actual work, including decision making about policy, pacing and implementation is left to the government. As it should be.

In many ways, EETP was a victim of its own success. The panel was established in April 2022, consulted broadly between March and July 2023, and as time passed and the myriad of topics it touched on grew in importance across the sector – expectations increased.

As can happen, current events overtook the EETP in a way that was difficult to foresee. In this Insight, our team comments on various key aspects of the Report and provides their views on the potential impacts.

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