

**INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN III,  
2016 PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS  
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SORTING THE BASELOAD**

**WHAT IS NEEDED TO ADD BIOGAS TO  
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY MIX?**

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# CONCUR WITH OTHER SUBMISSIONS

- OUTA SUBMISSION RE: FLAWS IN PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS
- DEMOCRACY WORKS SUBMISSION ON IEP, IN PARTICULAR OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS FOR CARBON EMISSIONS
- CSIR (AND OTHERS) RE: ARBITRARY CAP ON RENEWABLE ENERGY
- MACE SUBMISSION RE: NO NEED FOR NUCLEAR
- EIUG SUBMISSION ON THE NEED TO REVISIT DEMAND FIGURES
- PREVIOUS SUBMISSION ON MY PART (AS CGE) FOR IRP II: ON PRICE ELASTICITY OF DEMAND AS WELL AS MACROECONOMIC EFFECTS OF ELECTRICITY PRICE INCREASES
- REPEATED (AS WGS, UWC) FOR IRP 'UPDATE' 2014
- SAFCEI AND OTHER SUBMISSIONS ON NUCLEAR COSTING AND PROCESS ISSUES CONCERNING NUCLEAR

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<http://www.biogas-info.co.uk/about/biogas/>

# BIOGAS

**TRYING TO CALCULATE LCOE FOR BIOGAS IS A LITTLE LIKE TRYING TO CALCULATE PRODUCTIVITY FIGURES FOR PERMACULTURE: BIOGAS PRODUCTION WILL ALWAYS BE SPECIFIC TO THE LOCAL MICROCLIMATE. FACTORS DETERMINING LCOE'S WILL BE**

- **AVAILABILITY AND COST OF FEEDSTOCK**
- **TEMPERATURE**
- **PH. VALUE**
- **TECHNOLOGY USED**
- **FOR SIMPLICITY THIS PRESENTATION WILL IGNORE COMBINED HEAT AND POWER DIGESTERS, BUT FOR COMPARISON FOR EVERY KWH ELECTRICITY PRODUCED ABOUT 1.25 KWH HEAT IS PRODUCED**

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# 1. CAN ENOUGH BE PRODUCED?

Country	Year	Production Twh/Y	Of which wastewater	Percentage	Population In millions
Brazil	2014	0.613	0.042	7%	200
South Korea	2013	2.578	0.969	38%	50
Germany	2014	41.550	3.050	7%	80.6
Sweden	2013	1.686	0.672	40%	9.5
United Kingdom	2013	6.637	0.761	11%	64.1

N. Bachmann [Sustainable Biogas Production In Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants](#) , International Energy Agency BioEnergy, 2015, pp. 4.

## 2. HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?

**LCOE EUROPE: R 2.13- R 3.39/KWH**

**ASSUMING COST OF R 0.40-R0.63/KWH FOR  
FEEDSTOCK AND EXCLUDING CHP**

kost, christoph *et al* Levelized Cost Of Electricity Renewable Energy Technologies Fraunhofer Institut For Solar Energy Systems , 2013, pp.2.

**LCOE US: R 0.86 – R 3.37/KWH (ALL  
TECHNOLOGIES EXCEPT CHP)**

**LCOE US: R 0.86 – R 2.15/KWH ( DIGESTERS)  
FEEDSTOCK COSTS INCLUDED.**

International Renewable Energy Agency Working Paper Volume 1: Power Sector Issue 1/5 Biomass For Power Generation, 2012

## EG. CAPE TOWN (POPULATION 3.74 M.)

**PRODUCES CA. 935 TON SOLID WASTE/DAY AND 29 920 M<sup>3</sup> BIOGAS PER DAY.**

**IF MIXED WITH EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF FOOD WASTE, WOULD ADD CA. 112 200 M<sup>3</sup> BIOGAS/DAY.**

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**YIELDS CA. 284 240 KWH/DAY**

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**AT RANGE (INCLUDE COST AS TRANSPORTING GREEN WASTE)= CA. R 244 446.4 – R 963 573.6/DAY.**

**CURRENT COST OF SEWERAGE TREATMENT IN CT (OPERATING BUDGET):**

**3.306M/DAY**

**CAPITAL BUDGET: 2016-17 R 481 579M**

[//www.capetown.gov.za/en/Budget/Budget%20201617/Annexure%20A\\_1617Budget\\_May16.pdf](http://www.capetown.gov.za/en/Budget/Budget%20201617/Annexure%20A_1617Budget_May16.pdf) pp. 65

**I.E. SHOULD LEAD US TO A NEGATIVE ENERGY COST 😊**