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Guy Barnett, Minister for Energy

Large solar PV installation opens

The Hodgman Liberal Government's Tasmania-First Energy policy has set a target to have the lowest regulated electricity prices in Australia, coupled with the goal to make Tasmania 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewable energy by 2022.

Today I warmly welcome one of the largest commercial solar PV installations in Tasmania.

SRT Logistics, a Tasmanian-owned transport company, partnered with Aurora Energy and Beon Energy Solutions to deliver the system across its two distribution centres in Launceston and Devonport.

The state-of-the-art 2,546 panel, 831kW solar system, will generate over 1 million kWhs per year, or the equivalent of powering the equivalent of 143 homes.

The solution was custom-designed to meet the specific electricity requirements of SRT Logistics, and they expect the new solar array will reduce their energy costs by up to 50 per cent.

We are also undertaking a review of the Solar Feed-in Tariff (FiT) to lower the cost of electricity for Tasmanian households and small businesses.

Large commercial customers like SRT won't be directly impacted by any changes to the FiT rate because their pricing arrangements are negotiated on a commercial basis, and their prices are not regulated by the Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator (OTTER).

We believe Tasmania is in a unique position to become the renewable energy battery of the nation, and we have a Plan to make this a reality. Building on our current renewable energy assets will create jobs, stimulate the economy, and most importantly provide renewable, reliable, and affordable energy.