

Energy on Farms Policy
Notice of Motion – Parliament of Tasmania

June 2018

Mr Guy Barnett MP [Member for Lyons] to move –That the House:-

- (1) Notes an important part of the Tasmanian Government's *Tasmania-First Energy Policy* is the \$6.25 million *Energy on Farms Policy*.
- (2) Acknowledges that energy costs are a significant contributor to the cost of production for farmers, and the Government is taking action to provide affordable, predictable power prices, and support on-farm energy efficiency.
- (3) Notes that as a part of the Energy on Farms Policy, the \$5.5 million Tasmanian Irrigation Renewable Energy Program will see Tasmanian Irrigation Pty Ltd work with irrigators to construct mini and micro hydro-electric systems.
- (4) Acknowledges the \$750 000 the Hodgman Liberal Government has allocated to a three-year On-farm Energy and Irrigation Audit Program, launched in May by the Minister for Energy, Guy Barnett and the Minister for Primary Industry, Sarah Courtney at a dairy farm near Longford.
- (5) Notes that in addition to these budgeted items, the Government is forging ahead with a number of other initiatives to assist farmers with energy costs, including a review into irrigation tariffs, and the establishment of a Farm Energy Advocacy Service in Aurora Energy.
- (6) Notes the commencement of the review of the solar feed in tariff review.
- (7) Acknowledges that the farmers of Tasmania will also benefit from the Government's commitment to cap electricity price increases at CPI for the next three years and de-linking Tasmanian wholesale energy prices from Victoria.

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