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## **Community information sessions on 'Battery of the Nation'**

The Hodgman Liberal Government's Tasmania First energy policy is committed to delivering the lowest electricity prices in the nation for Tasmanian households and businesses by 2022.

Essential to this commitment is providing efficient, affordable and renewable electricity generation, and the Battery of the Nation pumped hydro developments will further cement Tasmania's reputation as a leader in clean energy production.

To provide the community with more information on this nation-leading initiative, Hydro Tasmania will host community information sessions at key locations around the State. I will be launching the first information session in Cressy on 25 July, and would like to encourage all locals to come along.

The community information sessions come after the release of an ARENA Report which identified 14 'high potential' pumped hydro energy storage sites, many of which are located in North and North-West Tasmania.

Tasmania is well on the way to achieving 100 per cent self-sufficient renewable generation by 2022, with a number of wind projects currently underway.

The Battery of the Nation has the potential to double our Hydro energy capacity, create up to 3,000 jobs and generate up to \$5 billion in investment, cementing Tasmania's reputation as the renewable energy powerhouse of the nation.

For more information, visit: <https://www.hydro.com.au/clean-energy/battery-of-the-nation/pumped-hydro>