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Support for Tasmania's energy

The importance of Tasmania to the Australian energy sector was made clear at the All-Energy Australia 2018 conference in Melbourne over the past two days.

Further interconnection to unlock our pumped hydro and wind potential, and the State's role in the National Energy Market (NEM) with the Battery of the Nation project were key focuses of the event that saw thousands of industry professionals and others attend.

More than 180 world-class speakers, including numerous key speakers from Tasmania, presented at the conference covering the latest energy innovations, energy policy, government initiatives and project developments across solar and wind energy, energy storage and more.

As I confirmed while giving a keynote presentation at today's event, Tasmania is a renewable energy powerhouse, with an abundance of hydro and wind capacity. Tasmania has what the rest of the nation wants and needs – reliable, affordable and clean energy.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is continuing to work hard to improve the lives of Tasmanians, with our ambitious target of achieving the lowest regulated power prices in the country by 2022, and becoming full self-sufficient in the same timeframe.

Our plans for further interconnection across Bass Strait, new pumped hydro schemes, significant upgrades to existing hydro facilities and wind are also transformative opportunities for Tasmania that represent thousands of potential jobs.