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### Views sought on turning organic waste into energy

Modern bio-energy is one of the most widely used renewable energy generation sources in the world and the Tasmanian Government is laying the foundations for making the most of

Bioenergy is energy produced from organic matter including from agricultural, municipal, industrial and forestry waste and residue and can feed a wide range of energy needs including heating, fuels such as methane and transport fuels for cars, boats, and planes as well as electricity generation and industrial heat.

Submissions are now sought on the draft vision with feedback received to feed into finalising the vision to pave the way towards this additional energy source joining our existing renewable energy capacity.

As biomass can be regrown sustainably, bioenergy is globally recognised as a renewable energy source and can substitute or prevent fossil fuels from being used in many applications.

Our bioenergy potential complements and bolsters our broader push towards becoming a global renewable energy powerhouse that makes our clean energy generation capacity work for all Tasmanians, lower household and business energy costs, grow our economy and support local jobs.

Tasmania is already leading the nation by producing 100 per cent of its electricity needs from renewables and biomass energy complements this by using what would otherwise, and traditionally has been, discarded.

We welcome the feedback and input from groups interested in our bioenergy future which will be considered as we finalise our *Bioenergy Vision for Tasmania* over the coming months.

The draft *Bioenergy Vision for Tasmania* has been developed with the assistance of an extensive range of industries including agriculture, aquaculture, waste management, forestry and timber processing, power generation, industrial energy users, transport, peak industry bodies and construction.

Our draft *Bioenergy Vision for Tasmania* is available at [https://recfit.tas.gov.au/consultation\\_and\\_community](https://recfit.tas.gov.au/consultation_and_community) with submissions closing on 14 February 2022.