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Celebrating Global Wind Day

As Tasmania stands on the cusp of becoming the renewable energy battery of the nation, the Tasmanian Government welcomes Global Wind Day.

Global Wind Day is a day for discovering wind, its power, and the possibilities it holds to reshape our energy systems, lower our emissions and boost jobs and growth.

In Tasmania we have world class wind resources and the Tasmanian Government has worked with industry and the community to deliver job creating wind farms at Studland Bay, Bluff Point and Musselroe wind farms in the North, with sites at Granville Harbour and Cattle Hill just one step away from injecting an additional 260 megawatts of capacity into our system, increasing our wind energy by over 80 per cent.

Tasmania's wind development potential is significant with renewable energy zones identified in the North East, Central Highlands and the North West.

Developing further wind generation is a key step in the Government's recently released Draft Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan as well as our Tasmanian Renewable Energy Target (TRET) to double our renewable generation with the globally significant target to generate 200 per cent of our current needs by 2040.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is delivering our long term plan to rebuild a stronger economy and create thousands of jobs, and our energy developments are a significant part of this future.

Renewable energy is one of Tasmania's greatest economic opportunities and our nationally significant Marinus and Battery of the Nation projects, combined with Hydrogen developments, are set to create thousands of new jobs and inject billions into the Tasmanian economy over the coming years.

Tasmania has what the rest of the nation needs, and the Government is committed to using this advantage to ensure all Tasmanians continue to see low cost, reliable and clean energy in their homes and businesses.

Importantly, Tasmanians come first, and our Tasmania First Energy policy is focused on delivering Tasmanian residents and businesses the lowest regulated electricity prices in the nation and to reach 100 per cent self-sufficiency in renewables by 2022.