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Tasmania leading the nation in renewable energy generation

The latest Australian Energy Update 2019 confirms Tasmania is leading the nation in renewable energy production.

Tasmania is batting well above its weight, generating almost 25 per cent of the nation's renewable energy and playing a huge role in helping Australia surpass its 2020 large-scale Renewable Energy Target ahead of time.

Australia leads the world in per-capita investment in renewable energy – at almost double the level of second placed Japan, and triple that of France and Germany. What's needed to balance that investment is dispatchable generation and storage and Tasmania is part of that solution.

The Hodgman majority Liberal Government's number one priority is to create jobs, grow the economy and protect the Tasmanian way of life, which is why we will continue to back renewable energy projects across the state, with the National Energy Market screaming for reliable and affordable energy, backed by energy storage.

Harnessing our renewable energy potential is one of Tasmania's largest economic opportunities for the next decade, as we work towards our ambitious goal of being 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewables by 2022.

Coupled with Tasmania's Battery of the Nation pumped hydro plans, and the Marinus Link second interconnector, there is potential to create thousands of jobs, attract billions of dollars in investment and generate opportunities for hundreds of local businesses to benefit from a major growth sector.

Under the former Labor-Green Government, Tasmanian businesses and residents saw their power price increase 65 per cent over seven years, despite Tasmania's capacity to generate clean, hydro and wind energy.

Unbelievably, even now the Greens are opposed to job creating renewable energy wind farm developments such as Robbins Island, while Labor seems to have finally discovered hydrogen – oblivious to the fact this government is already heavily invested in developing Tasmania's hydrogen potential.

Tasmanians know they can trust the Hodgman Liberal Government to deliver clean, reliable low-cost renewable energy.

The full report can be accessed here: www.energy.gov.au/government-priorities/energy-data/australian-energy-statistics