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Planning for Tasmania's Renewable Energy Future

The Tasmanian Liberal Government's nation-leading vision to be a renewable energy powerhouse has achieved another important milestone with the release of the Renewable Energy Coordination Framework, a key action of the Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is on track to realising our renewable energy future, delivering more jobs for Tasmanians, putting downward pressure on electricity prices, improving energy security while supporting our State's clean economy future.

The Framework prioritises the actions necessary to coordinate the large-scale development and investment required to grow our renewable energy sector sustainably over the next 20 years and reach our 2040 Tasmanian Renewable Energy Target of 200 per cent.

This is crucial to ensure that the infrastructure is built to achieve our renewables vision at the lowest possible cost to consumers, while at the same time ensuring our communities will have an early opportunity to engage and benefit from the opportunities.

Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT) will take on expanded coordination function to facilitate major renewable energy projects in Tasmania. This role, in addition to Framework's actions which include scenario planning, spatial analysis and investigating possible incentive mechanisms, will work to inform the development of Tasmania's first Renewable Energy Zone (REZ).

Building on the existing, high level Renewable Energy Zones already identified by the Australian Energy Market Operator as having excellent resource potential in Tasmania, work will be undertaken to build out and operationalise Tasmania's first REZ to be announced later this year.

Meaningful engagement with local communities on renewable energy projects is also crucial and we plan to build on what is already occurring through new guidelines for renewable energy proponents regarding how they go about community engagement, benefit sharing and local business opportunities.

The co-designed guidelines will consider recommendations of the Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner, as well as input from communities and industry stakeholders. These guidelines will build on the already rigorous land use and environmental approval processes that project proponents are subject to.

The Framework complements the work underway to make Tasmania a global leader in green hydrogen production by 2030 and works alongside plans to maximise the potential of our Bass Strait wind resource, with Bass Strait named as one of the top options for offshore wind energy generation, working alongside solar and onshore wind.

Our State is already leading the nation by being 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewable electricity and we continue to demonstrate the importance renewables as part of Australia, and the world's transformation to replace fossil-fuel generation and de-carbonisation of the energy sector.

The Framework is a result of consultation with the community and industry over the past year and can be found at the following link: <https://recfit.tas.gov.au/RECF>