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Where is Labor's commitment on Battery of the Nation?

Under the Hodgman Liberal Government, Tasmania achieved zero net emissions in 2016 and is already on track to achieve our 2022 target of 100 percent renewable energy production, while delivering the country's lowest regulated electricity prices.

We have nation-building pumped hydro projects being progressed to deliver clean, reliable and low-cost energy to mainland states.

The Morrison Government and the Hodgman Liberal Government are investing in progressing the Battery of the Nation and second interconnector projects, but there's been nothing from Bill Shorten.

These initiatives will not only deliver billions in investment and thousands of jobs in Tasmania, but they are the big-ticket, practical projects which can play a significant role in reducing the nation's carbon emissions and most importantly keep prices down and the lights on.

Instead of delivering a firm commitment to these projects, today's announcement by Labor risks more uncertainty for Tasmanian industry.

There is no way Tasmanian industry, which is powered by our clean, renewable energy, should face additional costs and Labor must rule out any additional burden on our businesses from their policy.

Last time Labor were in power Tasmanian businesses and residents had to face massive power price increases due to a Labor-Green Carbon tax, despite Tasmania's generation of clean, hydro and wind energy.

Bill Shorten needs to rule out a repeat of that disastrous policy.