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Another step for Tassie's renewable energy self sufficiency

The Hodgman Liberal Government's Tasmania First energy policy objective of achieving 100 per cent energy self-sufficiency through renewable power generation has taken another important step forward.

The developer of the Cattle Hill Wind Farm, Goldwind announced today construction will commence for the wind farm project, with the signing of an agreement with Hazel Brothers.

Hazell Brothers recently successfully completed the site access works for the project. The agreement signed today allows Hazell Brothers to commence early works for the project and acknowledges them as the preferred contractor for the full civil and electrical works for the wind farm.

The project will provide up to 150 jobs for local Tasmanians, and once the wind farm goes live at the end of 2019 will provide a further 10 long term operations jobs.

The developer has also provided TasNetworks with a Notice to Proceed in relation to the Asset Development Agreement for the project.

This means that the developer has approved for TasNetworks to undertake the capital works needed to connect the wind farm to the Tasmanian grid, and these works are expected to start soon.

Tasmania is already the nation's renewable energy powerhouse, and the Cattle Hill project will help propel Tasmania's reputation as a leader in renewable generation.

It also adds to our case for a second interconnector, where Tasmania would be able to sell excess renewable energy to the mainland.

The Cattle Hill Wind Farm will add another 148 megawatts to the Tasmanian electricity system, and increases Tasmania's wind generation by nearly half.

The Tasmanian Government is dedicated to providing Tasmanians with clean, secure, reliable, and affordable energy, and the Cattle Hill Wind Farm project is another example of how the Hodgman Liberal Government is taking Tasmania to the next level.