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National energy market blown away by Tasmanian wind farms

Today's unveiling of the first wind turbine at the Cattle Hill Wind Farm is a clear sign of confidence in our State's renewable energy sector and highlights the huge contribution the sector makes to jobs and investment in Tasmania.

Such a significant development helps underpin the importance of our Battery of the Nation Plan and the State and Federal Liberal Government's \$86 million investment in that plan and Project Marinus – nationally significant energy developments that have the potential to inject billions into the Tasmanian economy and deliver thousands of local jobs.

This is the first of 48 wind turbines to be installed at the site throughout 2019. Once complete, this wind farm will produce enough clean energy to power approximately 63,500 Tasmanian homes while also supporting the Hodgman Liberal Government's Tasmania-First Energy policy to be 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewables by 2022.

The Cattle Hill wind farm project is a game changer for the Central Highlands region, currently employing approximately 150 people on site and up to 10 permanent maintenance staff once the wind farm is complete.

Tasmanian businesses have been engaged with the project since its inception, including Hobart based Hazell Bros who are undertaking the full civil and electrical works for the project, Launceston based company Grandco, who are undertaking over \$10 million of road upgrades in the Central Highlands region, and Haywards our local manufacturer for 20% of the wind turbine towers.

Tasmania has what the rest of the nation needs, and the Hodgman Liberal 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.