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Guy Barnett, Minister for Energy

Energy Hub welcomes community

Today marked the official opening of the Cradle Coast Future Energy Hub, the one stop shop for information on Tasmania's exciting energy future.

The Energy Hub is a joint initiative of the Cradle Coast Authority, TasNetworks and Hydro Tasmania to engage with the locals and regional stakeholders, providing information and listening to community feedback.

Community members are encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback about the opportunities that exist in the North West and West Coast regions of Tasmania.

The Hodgman majority Liberal Government's number one priority is to create jobs and the Battery of the Nation will make the North West and West Coast, the renewable energy engine room of Australia. It's about utilising our significant natural advantages – producing an abundance of renewable energy for our state and beyond, while selling surplus power to the mainland, delivering a revenue stream to invest in our state and essential services – for all Tasmanians.

Renewable energy is perhaps Tasmania's greatest economic opportunity for the next decade, with our Battery of the Nation and second interconnector projects set to create 2,400 new jobs and inject \$6.5 billion into the Tasmanian economy over the coming years.

Importantly, Tasmanians come first, with our Tasmania First Energy policy, we are focused on delivering Tasmanian residents and businesses amongst the lowest regulated electricity prices in the Nation and being 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewables by 2022, and we are on track.