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Guy Barnett, Minister for Energy

Granville Harbour windfarm powers ahead

The massive \$280 million Granville Harbour windfarm is taking shape with the successful construction of 11 kilometres for transmission line and switching station, in preparation of injecting 112 megawatts of clean, zero emissions energy into the grid.

Minister for Energy Guy Barnett said this is another milestone in delivering our Tasmania First energy policy to make our state fully renewable-energy self-sufficient and have the lowest regulated power prices by 2022.

“The construction of Granville Harbour alone is supporting some 200 jobs with 6 more to continue on an ongoing basis once operational,”

“The development of new windfarms in Tasmania also represents another step in our Battery of the Nation pumped hydro plans that will drive billions in investment and create thousands of jobs in Tasmania.” Minister Barnett said.

Project Director Lyndon Frearson said completing the transmission line gives the development a physical connection to Tasmania's energy network and brings us closer to delivering a new source of renewable energy to households and businesses.

“We're really pleased this important project has been completed by local contractors, TasNetworks, Zinfra and Gradco to a high standard,” Mr Frearson said.

When complete, the Granville Harbour Wind Farm, near Zeehan on Tasmania's west coast, will provide a significant new source of electricity - up to 360 gigawatt hours of energy a year, enough to power for 46,000 homes.

The CEO of TasNetworks, Lance Balcombe, paid tribute to the TasNetworks project team, as well as Zinfra, who's partnered with TasNetworks to design and construct the line and supporting infrastructure over the past year.

“TasNetworks' vision is to be trusted by our customers to deliver today and create a better tomorrow. Helping bring up to 112 megawatts of clean, renewable wind power into the Tasmanian network certainly fits that vision.”

The first wind turbine is expected to be fully installed later this month.

For up to date photos of project progress, connect with the project on Instagram @granvilleharbourwind