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Guy Barnett, Minister for Energy

Granville Harbour wind farm plugs into Tasmanian power grid

With Granville Harbour Wind Farm joining the state energy grid today, Tasmania is taking another step towards becoming the renewable energy battery of the nation.

The Tasmanian majority Liberal Government is delivering our long term plan to build a stronger economy and create more jobs, and our energy developments are a significant part of this future.

When complete, the \$280 million Granville Harbour Wind Farm will produce enough clean, low-cost renewable energy to power approximately 46,000 Tasmanian homes.

The construction of Granville Harbour alone is supporting some 200 jobs with six more to continue on an ongoing basis once operational.

A number of Tasmanian businesses have engaged with the project including Williams Earthmoving, Entura and Gradco. In addition, TasNetworks and its subcontractor Zinfra completed construction of the 11 kilometre 220kV transmission line and switching station required to connect the wind farm to the Reece Power Station.

These contracts have also had flow on effects to other Tasmanian businesses.

This development is an example of the type of renewable energy initiatives that will be unlocked by Marinus Link, the proposed 1,500 megawatt interconnector, and is another step toward our 2022 target to be 100 per cent renewable energy self-sufficient.

We are working to deliver our nationally significant Marinus and Battery of the Nation projects, which are set to create thousands of local jobs and inject up to \$7.1 billion into our economy over years to come.

Not only are we taking action to make Tasmania the renewable energy Battery of the Nation, but through our Tasmania First Energy policy, we are committed to delivering Tasmanian residents and businesses the lowest regulated electricity prices in the nation by 2022.

The Tasmanian majority Liberal Government's number one priority is to create jobs and grow the economy, particularly in our regions, which is why we continue to back renewable energy projects.