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## **Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water**

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### **Helping Tasmanian children and young people engage with our renewable energy future**

The Draft Tasmanian Renewable Energy Action Plan outlines the blueprint to transform Tasmania from being Australia's renewable energy powerhouse into a world leading provider of affordable, reliable and clean energy.

Our renewable energy future has the potential to create thousands of jobs and benefit our state for decades to come, and we want to ensure our young people can understand the positive impacts it will have on their lives.

To help our young Tasmanians understand and engage with our draft Plan, a children and young people's version has today been release. It provides advice and guidance on the key energy issues facing children and young people and seeks their views on our plans to expand and grow our clean, reliable and affordable renewable energy sector.

The voices of our young people are important and must be heard, and we want to keep them as informed as possible on decisions that will impact their future.

Our young Tasmanians are our future, and any initiative that involves and engages

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them in such a critical area of public policy is welcome. I would like to thank the Commissioner for Children and Young People, Leanne McLean, for her important work to develop this plan.

Tasmania will soon achieve the status of being one of the few jurisdictions in the world to achieve 100 per cent self-sufficiency in renewable electricity generation and there has never been a more important time to manage the transition to renewable energy.

It's why we have set a Tasmanian Renewable Energy Target to double our renewable generation to a global-leading target of 200 per cent of our current needs by 2040.

Renewable energy is a critical part of Tasmania's future and we are taking action to harness its potential to grow our economy, attract investment, create jobs and transform Tasmania from being Australia's renewable energy powerhouse into a world leader of clean, reliable and affordable energy.

The children and young people's version of the Plan can be found here:

[www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/CCYRenewables](http://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/CCYRenewables)

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