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### Community engagement forums on Tasmania's Renewable Energy Zones

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is committed to an energy policy that sustainably grows our renewable energy generation to 200 per cent of the current levels.

This will help secure Tasmania's future energy needs by enabling growth of energy intensive industries, strengthening our economy through new investment and jobs, delivering low cost new energy for our homes and businesses, while maintaining net zero emissions.

The outcome will be a renewable energy future powered by Tasmanians.

Building on the existing, high level Renewable Energy Zones already identified by the Australian Energy Market Operator as having excellent resource potential in Tasmania, Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT) was appointed earlier this year as the Renewable Energy Zone Coordinator to provide a single and consistent point of contact for industry and the community in regards to Zone development.

Renewable Energy Zones will provide a co-ordinated approach to help manage future renewable energy generation investment while also considering environmental, heritage and other important values.

The establishment of Tasmania's first Renewable Energy Zone is a key action under the Government's Renewable Energy Coordination Framework.

We need to ensure that the build out and implementation of these Zones is done in the right way and that Tasmanian communities will be able to share in the benefits of a fast-growing renewable energy industry.

Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania will be holding community engagement forums across Tasmania to help the community better understand what a Renewable Energy Zone is and how to become involved.

These sessions will be complemented by communications in the State's newspapers, on radio and on social media pointing Tasmanians back to a new website to learn more about Renewable Energy Zones including frequently asked questions.

We welcome all individuals and community groups who want to find out more information about Renewable Energy Zones at the forums and we encourage them to register their interest to stay up to date and attend one of the pop-in sessions in your regional community.

**North East**

Monday 5 December: (Bridport Hall 4-6pm)

Tuesday 6 December: (George Town Memorial Hall 8-10am)

**North West**

Thursday 8th December: (Zeehan neighbourhood Centre 11am-1pm) and (Smithton Recreation Centre 5-7pm)

Friday 9 December: (Wynyard-Civic Park 11am-1 pm)

**Central**

Tuesday 6 December: (Longford Memorial Hall 12-2pm)

Saturday 10 December: (Miena Great Lake Community Centre 11am- 2pm)

To find out more visit [www.renewableenergyzones.tas.gov.au](http://www.renewableenergyzones.tas.gov.au)