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## **Strong business interest in Tasmanian energy projects**

Tasmanian Business leaders are this week gathering to discuss renewable energy projects at a range of forums hosted by the Tasmanians Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The forums are focused on Battery of the Nation and Project Marinus, and how such projects can benefit Tasmanian businesses and industries.

Also being discussed are ways that businesses can prepare themselves to benefit from renewable energy sources and get involved with projects and contracts on the table.

These forums highlight the interest in Tasmania's energy future. We have what the rest of the country want – low cost, reliable, clean energy.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is working hard to improve the lives of Tasmanians, we have an ambitious target of achieving the lowest regulated power prices in the country by 2022, and becoming fully self-sufficient in the same timeframe.

Our plans for further interconnection across Bass Strait, new pumped hydro schemes, significant upgrades to existing hydro facilities and wind are also transformative opportunities for Tasmania that represent thousands of potential jobs.