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Guy Barnett, Minister for Energy

Strong support for Project Marinus

Strong support was expressed today for Project Marinus, the feasibility study into additional Bass Strait interconnection at a TasNetworks customer forum in Burnie.

Project Marinus is a \$20 million study of State and national significance, being undertaken by TasNetworks in partnership with the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA).

Increased interconnection between Tasmania and the rest of Australia can unlock further readily available hydro-electricity and enable pumped hydro storage and significant wind generation opportunities.

Battery of the Nation has the potential to lead to billions of dollars of renewable energy projects, thousands of jobs and the doubling of Tasmania's energy capacity.

We have what the rest of the Nation so desperately needs – low cost, reliable, clean power.

Tasmania has the lowest regulated power prices for residential and business customers in the nation, and we are currently on track to be 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewables by 2022.

Our plans for further interconnection across Bass Strait, new pumped hydro schemes, and significant upgrades to existing facilities are transformative opportunities for Tasmania.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to driving the State forward as a renewable energy power house, and improving the lives of all Tasmanians by keeping energy prices down.