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Jim's Plains approval another step towards renewable energy self-sufficiency

The Tasmanian Liberal Government welcomes the announcement from UPC Renewables that the Jim's Plain Renewable Energy Park has received final approval by the Commonwealth Government.

With Tasmania only one-step away from achieving 100 per cent self-sufficiency in renewable electricity generation, the progression of the Jim's Plain Renewable Energy Park continues this Government's focus on renewable energy as a key economic driver as we rebuild a stronger Tasmania.

We recently released our draft Renewable Energy Action Plan which outlines our vision and suite of actions to develop renewable energy generation in Tasmania over the coming 20 years.

Underpinning this Plan is the Tasmanian Renewable Energy Target to double our renewable generation to a global-leading target of 200 per cent of our current needs by 2040.

Tasmania can harness the immense potential in renewable energy 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 Jim's Plain Renewable Energy Park will offer a mix of both wind and solar polar with a capacity of up to 240 MW which represents a potential investment of around \$350 million.

There has never been a more important time to manage the transition to renewable energy and the Tasmanian Liberal Government has a plan to make this state a world leader.