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Additional funding for clean hydrogen hubs welcomed

The Tasmanian Government welcomes the Australian Government's additional \$150 million for clean hydrogen hubs taking the total investment to \$464 million.

Bell Bay is a perfect location for a nation-leading renewable hydrogen hub as an advanced manufacturing zone with renewable energy availability, appropriate infrastructure, water availability and deep water port access.

The Tasmanian Government is working with the Australian Government to maximise the opportunities for Bell Bay to be a hub as part of the regional renewable hydrogen hub program.

Our renewable hydrogen vision, set out in our Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan, is that Tasmania will be a global leader in large scale renewable hydrogen production by 2030.

The 2021-22 Tasmanian Budget also committed an additional \$100,000 to the Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone regional hydrogen cluster to maximise the opportunity for Bell Bay to be a national hydrogen hub.

Tasmania has already achieved 100 per cent renewable electricity generation and has a nation-leading target of 200 per cent by 2040, supporting the State's renewable hydrogen vision and helping to deliver a cleaner planet through Marinus and Battery of the Nation with affordable, reliable, and clean renewable energy.

Green hydrogen delivered by Tasmania's renewable energy has the potential to be a key player in decarbonising the world's environment and Tasmania is at the forefront of this technology push.