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Guy Barnett, Minister for Energy and Renewables

New Hydro Tasmania CEO appointed

On behalf of the Tasmanian Liberal Government, I would like to congratulate Ian Brooksbank on being appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of Hydro Tasmania after a thorough competitive recruitment process for the role.

Mr Brooksbank has been the acting CEO at Hydro Tasmania since September 2021 and was the Chief Financial Officer for two years prior to that. He has more than 20 years' experience in the energy industry, having held positions with Country Energy in NSW, Blue NRG and AGL Energy.

Mr Brooksbank has led Hydro Tasmania through a period of unprecedented disruption in the National Electricity Market, and has worked closely with the Tasmanian Liberal Government to secure Federal support and funding for upgrading the Tarraleah power scheme.

Hydro Tasmania has a critical role to play in enabling the State's opportunity to harness a world-leading renewable future, with Tasmania already 100 per cent self-sufficient in renewable energy and legislating under our Tasmanian Renewable Energy Target to be at 200 per cent by 2040.

Projects such as the Battery of the Nation and the Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan will help to achieve that ambitious target and will underpin significant investment and jobs in our State.

I look forward to continuing to work with Mr Brooksbank as we progress with plans to unlock Tasmania's clean energy potential, delivering benefits for all Tasmanians.