

## Media release

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### Minister to launch energy hub at Cradle Coast Authority

Minister for Energy, Guy Barnett, will officially launch the Cradle Coast Future Energy Hub on Friday. A joint initiative of the Cradle Coast Authority, Hydro Tasmania and TasNetworks, the Hub will be a “one stop shop” for renewable energy development in the region.

The Hub will be developed as a central place to host community and stakeholder engagement activities and a place the community can come and learn more about what is ahead for renewable energy development in Tasmania.

A dedicated resource employed by Cradle Coast Authority will be recruited as the first point of contact for the community and industry, and will provide information across the broad range of renewable energy opportunities in Tasmania.

“The suite of renewable energy projects currently in the pipeline, presents a once in a generation opportunity to transform our region’s economy and create thousands of new jobs. The Hub is an extension of the work that CCA and our Member Councils have led through the Regional Futures Plan, and I congratulate and thank the Tasmanian Government, TasNetworks and Hydro Tasmania for supporting our approach” said CCA CEO Daryl Connelly.

Mr Connelly said that “CCA is committed to ensuring that local people and local businesses derive as much benefit as possible as Tasmania supplies more clean electricity to the rest of the nation, and the Hub will play an important part in that”.

“The Cradle Coast Future Energy Hub will be a shared space where TasNetworks and renewable energy generation businesses can collaborate to share information with the community and stakeholders, and host community and stakeholder engagement activities.” said TasNetworks CEO, Lance Balcombe.

“It’s great to see a dedicated space, right in the heartland of renewable energy activity, where the community can come to hear more about Tasmania’s exciting future, and where the industry can work together and have a shared space to host their local engagement activities.” said Hydro Tasmania CEO, Steve Davy.

Community information sessions about the region’s pumped hydro opportunities, will be held at the Hub later this month.

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