

Media Release

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KIATA WIND FARM TO STRENGTHEN VICTORIA'S ENERGY NETWORK

A new wind farm in Western Victoria will power more than 20,000 households as part of a jobs boom in Western Victoria with six projects underway or proposed in the area.

These include Stockyard Hill, Lal Lal, Moorabool, Dundonnell, Murra Warra and the Bulgana Green Power Hub – Stawell Nectar Farms.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio today officially opened the \$77 million project which supported 100 construction jobs and three ongoing jobs in the region.

Kiata's nine towers were made by Australia's largest wind tower manufacturer Keppel Prince. It is one of four large-scale, renewable energy generators for Victoria — the others being the 132MW Mount Gellibrand wind farms and the 100MW Bannerton Solar Park and 38MW Numurkah Solar Farm.

The Renewable Certificate Purchasing Initiative supports the Labor Government's renewable energy and climate change targets by bringing around 300MW of new renewable energy generation into the grid – driving down prices and helping secure our energy supply.

Wilson Transformer Company – the largest Australian-owned and based manufacturer – supplied the transformers for the farm, supporting local manufacturing jobs at its two manufacturing facilities in Glen Waverley and Wodonga.

Victoria's Renewable Energy Target will see an estimated \$9 billion of investment and around 11,000 jobs created over the life of the scheme.

These projects are the next step in helping our Government achieve its renewable energy targets of 25 per cent renewable energy production by 2020 and 40 per cent by 2025.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"We're supporting the renewables sector to create local jobs and deliver affordable, clean, green energy."

"We've backed the Kiata Wind Farm every step of the way – because we're making Victoria the national leader in renewable energy to drive down energy prices, create jobs and reduce emissions."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

"Renewable energy is delivering secure, reliable and affordable electricity, and creating hundreds of new jobs in Western Victoria."