

# Media Release

**The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP**

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change  
Minister for Suburban Development



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## **JOBS BOOM FOR PORTLAND MANUFACTURER**

Australia's largest wind tower manufacturer will double its workforce in the next six months, as the renewable energy industry continues to grow thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's renewable energy policy.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio visited engineering firm Keppel Prince in Portland today to see the work being done to construct the locally produced wind turbine towers.

Keppel Prince will double its wind tower workforce from 100 to 200 workers by the end of 2018, after securing the contract to supply all 15 towers for Tilt Renewables' Salt Creek Wind Farm at Woorndoo.

In March 2017, the Labor Government supported a \$2 million expansion of Keppel Prince Engineering's wind tower fabrication facility creating 50 new jobs and retaining 80.

Keppel Prince Engineering specialises in the construction, fabrication and maintenance of industrial structures and equipment – making a significant contribution to Victoria's manufacturing capabilities and the regional economy.

The company has been manufacturing wind towers since 2000 and has produced over 600 wind towers across projects in Victoria, South Australia, and New South Wales.

The Labor Government has legislated renewable energy generation targets of 25 per cent by 2020 and 40 per cent by 2025 further strengthening the future for Victoria's renewable sector.

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

*"We're supporting the renewables sector to create jobs of the future and deliver clean energy."*

*"As Australia's largest and Victoria's only wind tower manufacturer, we're making sure businesses like Keppel Prince continue to benefit from the global transition towards renewable energy."*

### **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."*

### **Quote attributable to Keppel Prince General Manager Steve Garner**

*"We're proud to be playing our part in growing Victoria's world-class renewable energy sector."*