

10 January 2020

Minister for Energy
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Dear Minister Barnett,

Re: Draft Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan

The Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone (BBAMZ) Sub-Committee welcomes the draft Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan and the recently launched Hydrogen Prospectus which both identify Bell Bay as a preferred location for hydrogen production.

Feedback from members on the draft Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan is as follows:

- George Town Council are supportive of a hydrogen precinct within its municipality and are happy for this to be stated within the action plan within the 'pro-industry government' section should the State deem it appropriate.
- George Town Council are happy to partner with State and industry on piloting local hydrogen solutions for light and heavy fleet and fuel cells for powering facilities. This could be included in Why Tasmania section and the Transport section?
- There is a wind farm planned for Low Head (10 turbines @35MW) scheduled to commence construction in 2020. This could be represented on page 23 of the plan.
- Tasmania needs to capitalise now as a matter of urgency on the competitive advantage it has through green hydrogen as this has the potential to diminish as other State's increase their renewable energy investments.
- The safe production and use of hydrogen have been highlighted as a concern from some community members. It would be good to see some more detail under the community awareness section to address this aspect.
- The BBAMZ is an ideally suited location with its existing infrastructure and established businesses that can support and grow from this development.
- This also creates much needed investment in the region to secure the economic future of Northern Tasmania.
- The prospectus shows all the advantages of the area and your office is to be commended on building on the existing prospectus this committee was responsible for having input to.

The BBAMZ Sub-Committee is keen to work with you to secure investment for Bell Bay to become the hydrogen hub and we look forward to supporting the implementation of the plan in 2020.

As you are aware, Susie Bower is our Project Officer and it would be beneficial to have her participate in any working groups that are established to progress this fantastic initiative.

Yours sincerely



Leigh Darcy
Chair
Bell Bay Advanced Manufacturing Zone Sub-Committee

