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Minister For Energy and Resources

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Economic Development,
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MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS 2015-16: ENERGY



- Renewable Energy Roadmap released 21 August 2015
- First round of the \$20M New Energy Jobs Fund launched December 2015
- New targets set for the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (VEET) Scheme
- New consumer protection legislation for Victorian energy users
- New Victorian Energy Compare energy price tool released
- Community Renewables Solar Grants initiative for Victorian lifesaving clubs launched January 2016
- Progressed roll-out of the Powerline Bushfire Safety Program
- New Energy Technologies Sector Strategy released March 2016
- Development of a Residential Efficiency Scorecard rating tool
- Renewable Energy Certificate Purchasing initiative – to create 1,000 new jobs

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS 2015-16: RESOURCES



- New Mine Fire and Emergency unit in Traralgon
- Launched a 'Batter Stability' research project in April 2016
- TARGET exploration grants program opened October 2015
- Independent review of coal programs announced November 2015
- Progressing response to onshore unconventional gas Inquiry Final Report tabled December 2015
- Risk based work plans reforms implemented December 2015 delivering on the Hazelwood Mine Fire commitment re: fire risk management plans
- Cash bond option for small-scale miners and quarry operators introduced December 2015 – reducing costs to industry
- Reformed Earth Resources Ministerial Advisory Council – 1st meeting March 2016
- Finalising review of extractives resources demand and supply to 2050

NEW INITIATIVES – STATE BUDGET 2016-17

- **\$24.2M Saving energy, growing jobs**
 - Delivering key actions in the Energy Efficiency and Productivity Strategy
- **\$12.6M Rehabilitation strategy for the Latrobe Valley coal mines**
 - Addressing a key recommendation from the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry
- **\$12.4M Driving growth in renewable energy**
 - Delivering key actions in the Renewable Energy Action Plan
- **\$7.7M Modernising Earth Resources Management**
 - Improve community confidence in the regulation of Victoria's earth resources

STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS – ENERGY

Energy Efficiency Council:

“The Energy Efficiency Council welcomes the Victorian Government’s commitment to raise the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target. Expanding the scheme will create jobs in Victoria and help homes and businesses save energy.”

Property Council of Australia (Victoria)

“The Property Council supports mechanisms to drive increased energy efficiency as a means for reducing Victoria’s GHG emissions. As active participants in the development of the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target, we recognise the scheme’s potential for offsetting growing energy costs and leveraging unrealised opportunities in the built environment.”

Environment Victoria:

“The soon to be released Renewable Energy Action Plan is a key opportunity to ensure Victoria starts cleaning up our energy supply, which is responsible for half of our carbon pollution. An ambitious plan will create thousands of jobs across the State and kick-start new regional clean energy projects.”

STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS – RESOURCES

MCA – Victorian Division:

Reform of the Earth Resources Regulator is a positive and hugely beneficial step for the minerals industry, communities and the government.

Environment Victoria:

Environment Victoria welcomed the Andrews' Government response to the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry. "Importantly the State Government will conduct a further review of rehabilitation bonds and develop a regional plan for rehabilitation. Both should see rehabilitation standards and bonds rise again in the near future."

Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS):

The 2016 Victorian Budget provides a range of other investments for the Latrobe Valley across jobs, training and the arts. The budget announcements present a unique opportunity to take a new approach that acknowledges the Latrobe Valley's past contributions to Victoria, recognises its strengths and challenges, and provides an innovative and collaborative way forward.

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