

# Media Release

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## WONWONDAH WIND FARM TO POWER WESTERN VICTORIA

A new 40 MW wind farm in Western Victoria that will power more than 25,000 households as part of the ongoing renewable energy jobs boom in Western Victoria has been given the crucial sign-off.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne today announced the approval of a thirteen-turbine facility near Wonwondah North.

The wind farm will be developed by NewEn with the 235-metre high turbines producing enough energy to power around 25,000 householders every year.

This site has been chosen because it receives undisturbed wind flow with strong, consistent wind speeds near the existing electrical grid.

Thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's Renewable Energy Target, Victoria is expected to see an estimated \$9 billion of investment and around 11,000 jobs created over the life of the scheme.

This project is another step in helping Victoria achieve its renewable energy target of 25 per cent renewable energy production by 2020 and 40 per cent by 2025.

The Rifle Butts WEF Project is expected to create 120 jobs during construction. The project will also create up to four full time positions throughout operation of the facility.

Construction is anticipated to commence in early 2019.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Richard Wynne

*"This new wind farm is another important step forward in creating a more sustainable future for regional Victoria, powering 25,000 homes and creating 120 construction jobs along the way."*

*"In stark contrast to the Coalition who tried to smash the wind industry, we're supporting the renewables sector to create local jobs and deliver affordable clean energy for hard working families."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment & Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

*"This is another great project that will deliver a boost for renewable energy in Western Victoria, and support more even jobs in the booming clean energy sector – all jobs that would be put at risk if the Coalition had their way."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Jaala Pulford

*"This is another win for Western Victoria, a win for local jobs and a win for the environment. Unlike the Coalition who tried to shut down the renewables industry, we're supporting it to power our regional areas and create jobs."*