

Media Release

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BERRYBANK WIND FARM OFFICIALLY OPEN FOR BUSINESS

One of Victoria's newest wind farm projects – which has the potential to generate enough energy to power every home in greater Geelong – has been officially launched.

Berrybank Wind Farm, owned by Global Power Generation, is just one of several large-scale renewable energy projects supported under the Andrews Labor Government's first Victorian Renewable Energy Target reverse auction.

The massive 180-megawatt, 43-turbine wind farm north of Colac, delivered \$284 million of capital investment while supporting more than 280 jobs including 26 apprentices during construction.

As part of Victoria's support agreement with Global Power Generation, Berrybank has delivered several initiatives including annual community development grants through the Golden Plains and Corangamite Shire Council and subsidised solar panels for local households and council.

Victoria's first Renewable Energy Target reverse auction was the largest auction ever held in Australia, bringing online new wind and solar projects across the State.

Berrybank Wind Farm will continue local benefit-sharing and investment initiatives over the next 15 years, including annual grants programs, scholarships, and an Entrepreneur Incubator Program.

With Victoria having exceeded its 2020 renewable energy target of 25 per cent, the wind farm is helping ensure the state achieves its targets of 40 per cent by 2025 and 50 per cent by 2030.

In December 2021, the Labor Government closed applications for a second Victorian Renewable Energy Target reverse auction of at least 600 MW to source 100 per cent renewable electricity for all State Government operations by 2025.

To find out more about the targets visit energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/victorias-renewable-energy-targets.

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

"I'm thrilled to see large-scale renewable energy generators like Berrybank come online following our first Victorian Renewable Energy Target auction."

"These projects are a great step forward for Victoria's clean energy transition - bring us closer to halving our emissions by 2030 and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

"This wind farm has created investment and jobs in our local community while contributing to the state's clean energy transition."