# Media Release

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## SEC BACK IN GIPPSLAND WITH MAJOR WIND FARM INVESTMENT

The SEC is back and will soon be generating electricity in Gippsland again thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for the State Electricity Commission Lily D'Ambrosio announced the SEC will invest around \$650 million to take over the Delburn Wind Farm project near the Latrobe Valley – Victoria's historic power generation hub.

The project will bring significant local economic benefits, including more than 300 local jobs and more than \$22 million in neighbour and community benefit sharing programs over its operational life.

Construction will begin in early 2026 and the wind farm is expected to in operation in 2028. The 33-turbine wind farm will generate up to 205 megawatts of renewable energy to the electricity grid, enough to power more than 130,000 homes with renewable power.

This is the first wind farm project to reach financial close in Victoria in the last 12 months, and the first time the SEC will generate power in Gippsland since it was sold off by the Liberal and Nationals 30 years ago.

The Latrobe Valley has a highly skilled local workforce with decades of energy generation expertise and an established transmission network ready to connect renewable energy to the grid.

This project will help keep wholesale energy prices low into the future, easing cost-of-living pressures for Victorians.

The project will add to the SEC's growing portfolio, including 819 megawatts of solar and battery storage at the SEC Renewable Energy Park in Horsham and the Melbourne Renewable Energy Hub near Melton – pumping more renewable energy into the grid and driving down prices for Victorians.

This announcement follows the opening of the SEC's new Morwell Hub – a space for the community, students and educators to learn about the opportunities the energy transition will bring and find out more about this project.

This will also add to the generation and storage assets the SEC uses to supply 100 percent renewable electricity to power Victoria's public schools, hospitals, police stations, trains and more.

But it's all at risk under the Liberals – they'll sell off publicly owned renewable energy at their first opportunity. You will pay the price.

#### Quotes attributable to Minister for the State Electricity Commission Lily D'Ambrosio

"The SEC is back and it's powering Gippsland's future after Jeff Kennett sold it off for profits – now it is creating new jobs and driving investment in renewable energy for Victorians."

"The SEC is powering Victorian Government operations with 100 per cent renewable electricity – with all profits being invested back into projects that will deliver more renewable energy and lower power bills for Victorians."

### Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

"This project will tap into the Latrobe Valley's proud history as Victoria's energy heartland and ensures the region continues to play a leading role in our renewable energy future."

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## **Quote attributable to SEC Chief Executive Officer Chris Miller**

"The Latrobe Valley has been the engine room of Victoria's power system for more than a century, and we believe the region will play a critical role as Victoria transitions away from fossil fuels towards a system supplied by renewable generation, supported by storage. SEC has now committed more than a gigawatt (GW) of renewable energy capacity – a quarter of our 2035 target of 4.5 GW"

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