

Media Release

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BUILDING A BETTER GRID IN GIPPSLAND

Labor is strengthening and modernising the electricity grid in the Latrobe Valley to unlock renewable generation, boost grid reliability and help lower power prices.

Minister for Energy and Resources today opened the expression of interest for the delivery of new synchronous condensers in the Latrobe Valley.

This technology will allow more clean and affordable renewable energy to flow to Victorians.

A synchronous condenser is a large spinning machine that provides system stability and allows the network to host more solar and wind.

It quickly responds to sudden changes in the network and helps keep the power supply steady during faults or disruptions.

The Allan Labor Government is already developing Australia's largest synchronous condenser near Ararat, which is one of 12 grid modernization projects being delivered under the \$480 million REZ Fund.

This expression of interest is for developers to partner in the delivery of at least three new synchronous condensers at or near the Hazelwood terminal station in the Latrobe Valley.

An expression of interest process will be followed by an invitation to tender process later in the year.

For details of the expression of interest process visit, buyingfor.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio

"As coal-fired power stations close, we need to strengthen and modernise our power grid so more clean and affordable renewable energy can flow to Victorian homes and businesses."

"We're investing in the Latrobe Valley's energy infrastructure and supporting good local jobs."