

Media Release

The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change
Minister for Solar Homes



**DELIVERING
FOR ALL VICTORIANS**

Friday, 8 February 2019

FAREWELLING VICTORIA'S FIRST RENEWABLE ENERGY ADVOCATE

The Andrews Labor Government thanks Simon Corbell for his work and dedication as he steps down as Victoria's first Renewable Energy Advocate.

Mr Corbell brought more than 20 years of senior experience in public policy to the Renewable Energy Advocate position and acted as a passionate voice for the development of renewable energy in the state.

As Renewable Energy Advocate, Mr Corbell helped explain and promote the reforms needed and opportunities presented by the transition to a renewable energy future, as well as to engage with and support communities and industry as they make that transition.

Listening to both communities and industry, Mr Corbell was able to feed that information back to policy makers and Government, providing independent and informed advice.

Mr Corbell has played an integral role in the implementation of the Victorian Renewable Energy Target (VRET) scheme, leading efforts to attract further investment in renewable energy.

This includes working with the renewables industry to ensure that there was adequate capacity to deliver the VRET and the Government's commitment to net zero emissions by 2050.

The VRET will ensure that 25 per cent of our electricity generation comes from renewable sources by 2020, and 50 per cent by 2030.

VRET is expected to deliver up to \$9 billion in new capital expenditure throughout the state, contribute \$2.5 billion in direct economic activity and create 11,000 energy sector jobs by 2025.

The Government will seek a new appointee to fulfil the role of Victoria's Renewable Energy Advocate.

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

"I want to thank Victoria's first Renewable Energy Advocate, Simon Corbell, for his all his great work guiding us through the transition to a cleaner, renewable energy future."

"Simon has done a fantastic job travelling across Victoria to help explain and promote the reforms needed and opportunities presented by this Government's bold plan for greener energy."

"Having a dedicated advocate role gives the renewable energy sector the confidence needed to invest in the renewable energy projects and jobs that are crucial to Victoria's future."