

Media Release

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VICTORIA'S NEW ENERGY JOB PLACEMENTS MEET MANY NEEDS

The Allan Labor Government is boosting Victoria's renewable energy manufacturing capability while supporting jobseekers to gain long term employment and grow the renewable energy workforce.

The Labor Government has invested \$635,000 towards the New Energy Project which supports priority job seekers, who had been unemployed for six months or more, to gain employment in Victoria's renewable energy industry.

Solar Victoria has partnered with Maxima employment services to deliver the program, which has helped 31 jobseekers to undertake training and secure positions that range from entry level process operator and assembler positions to more experienced roles such as researchers, project engineers, and accountants.

Maxima is providing these businesses with training and wrap around support for newly placed employees during their first 12 months of employment. This includes on-site visits and one-on-one discussions

Renewable energy businesses involved in the New Energy Project include RayGen Resources, JR Hammer, Lotus Energy and SRS Metals, PowerPlus Energy, and Sky Energy .

A strong energy workforce is critical to Victoria meeting our ambitious target of 95 per cent renewable energy generation by 2035, which will create 59,000 jobs and an additional 6,000 apprentices.

For more information, visit solar.vic.gov.au/workforce-recruitment.

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

"Solar Victoria has matched renewable energy companies with priority job seekers to help grow the renewable energy workforce while supporting people facing challenging circumstances."

Quote attributable to Minister for Jobs and Industry Natalie Hutchins

"Now and in years to come, Victoria's renewable energy transition will continue to create thousands of jobs, so building a strong pipeline of skilled workers for our renewable energy transition is essential."

Quote attributable to Minister for Employment Vicki Ward

"This project is yet another example of how the Allan Labor Government is supporting Victorians facing barriers to employment while at the state time, growing the much-needed workforce in economically important and growing sectors like renewable energy."

Quote attributable to Member for Southern Metropolitan John Berger

"We are not only helping Victorians save on their energy bills in building a cleaner, renewable future – we are also providing more jobs for priority jobseekers."