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Council throws support behind NEG

Circular Head Council has thrown its support behind the proposed National Energy Guarantee in the lead-up to the COAG Energy Council meeting on Friday 10 August.

Mayor Daryl Quilliam said North West Tasmania was well placed to be a supplier of low emissions energy.

“Energy policy which supports a low emissions energy source leading to initiatives such as an additional interconnector and pumped hydro storage in Tasmania, will open up further opportunity for the North West of Tasmania to be a provider of renewable energy,” Mayor Quilliam said.

Circular Head is already home to the Bluff Hill Point and Studland Bay Windfarms and with four windfarm proposals under active investigation, including a major windfarm proposed for Robbins Island.

“We would like to be able to attract and retain people with specialised skills in the area and for this level of industry to provide career opportunities for our people,” Mayor Quilliam said.

“By doing this we can take advantage of the flow on effects that these developments bring.

“For these reasons Council favours the introduction of government policy that promotes greater introduction of renewables into the energy supply mix.”