## Victorian Renewable Energy Roadmap

Delivering jobs and a clean energy future



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- ▶ Renewable Energy Roadmap released August 2015
- Victorian Government Objective
  - Accelerating development of renewable energy generation in Victoria to reduce emissions, create jobs, and put downward pressure on energy prices

#### Priority Areas

- Transforming Victoria's generation stock towards renewable energy
- Addressing barriers to distributed generation and storage
- Encouraging household and community renewable generation
- Government support of renewable energy development, with a focus on job creation in Victoria





### Renewable Energy Action Plan



- The Action Plan will outline a range of measures that the Government will take to drive renewable energy investment and jobs in Victoria
- It will establish renewable energy generation targets for Victoria for 2020 and 2025
  - Victorian target will be 'at least' 20 per cent by 2020 (currently at ~12 per cent)







## Priority Area: Transitioning Victoria's energy industry towards a low carbon future

- Advocate for strong Federal Government policy on renewable energy
- Reform Victoria's wind farm planning laws
- Use Government energy purchasing to support renewables



FIGURE 1: Electricity generation mix in Victoria, 2014

Review policy options to transition generation stock in Victoria

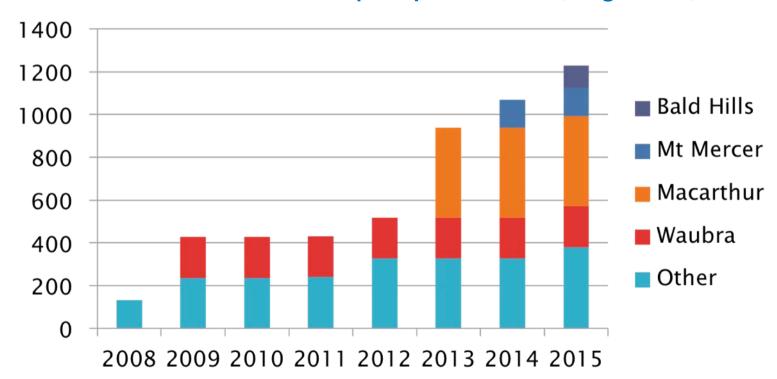




## Renewable Energy Roadmap & Action Plan



#### Cumulative wind farm capacity in Victoria (megawatts)









# Priority Area: Addressing barriers to distributed generation and storage

- Improving connection processes for distributed generation
- Removing barriers to innovative projects and business models
- Review of market status and regulatory settings for energy storage





## Renewable Energy Roadmap & Action Plan



#### Household solar photovoltaics (PV)

- Significant uptake of solar PV in the last 7 years due to government support, rapidly declining solar panel prices and high electricity prices
- Victoria has 18% of Australia's installed capacity of solar PV
- Growth in solar PV has continued despite reduced feed-in tariffs and government incentives
- Energy storage presents many opportunities to customers, networks and local business









# Priority Area: Encouraging household and community renewable generation

- Provide support for pioneering community energy projects
- Ensure fair compensation for distributed generation
- Ensure fair treatment of distributed generation customers







# Priority Area: Government role in facilitating the uptake of renewable energy

- Promoting new energy jobs and technologies
- Providing information to support renewable energy uptake
- Renewable energy project facilitation





## Renewable Energy Roadmap & Action Plan



- Comprehensive public consultation process on the Roadmap (including written submissions)
  - Consultation conducted during September 2015
- 5 public forums
  - (CBD, Frankston, Castlemaine, Morwell, Mildura)
- Renewable Energy Action Plan
  - Roadmap consultation will help inform the development of the Renewable Energy Action Plan

