

## Minister Ian Hunter

Minister for Climate Change

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### State's latest wind farm project continues clean jobs growth

Jamestown in the State's Mid North will benefit from up to 250 jobs during construction of the first stage of the Hornsdale Wind Farm, with 10 ongoing jobs once operational.

Climate Change Minister Ian Hunter welcomed the \$250 million investment and highlighted the project as one of many in the pipeline arising from the Government's focus on increasing renewable energy and delivering jobs and investment in the State.

"Around the world there is fierce competition for the billions of dollars of investment available for renewable projects," Mr Hunter said.

"Projects such as the Hornsdale Wind Farm help us generate energy from clean, renewable sources while bringing investments to the State and creating jobs."

"At a time when we are concentrating on economic development in the Mid North of our State, the Hornsdale Wind Farm presents a great opportunity for local employment."

Minister Hunter said the State Government is committed to ensuring South Australia fully capitalises on the opportunities of transitioning to a low-carbon economy.

"Climate change leadership, clear targets for renewable energy and associated regulatory support have made us competitive in the global race to attract investment for renewable projects," he said.

"China, India and the United States are looking more and more to renewables to help them produce cleaner energy and support the jobs of tomorrow – this is in stark contrast to the Federal Government's attacks on the Renewable Energy Target and renewable sector, which placed more than \$4.6 billion of potential investment in South Australian wind farms at risk."

Mr Hunter said Hornsdale Wind Farm – developed by Neoen – is another feather in the cap for our renewable sector, which once complete will provide a maximum 315 megawatts of power.

"This project helps reinforce South Australia's reputation as the country's foremost renewable energy state, and helps contribute to the \$10 billion low carbon investment target as well as the 50 per cent renewable energy target, both to be achieved by 2025," he said.

"South Australia has established itself as the nation's leader in wind energy investment, having attracted 41 per cent of the nation's installed capacity.

"Our State has an international reputation - if it were a nation state, South Australia would be second only to Denmark in regard to wind energy."

Construction can commence due to the Planning Minister formally signing off on the Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan; the first stage is expected to commence operation in 2017.

More information at [www.hornsdalewindfarm.com.au](http://www.hornsdalewindfarm.com.au) or [www.neoen.com](http://www.neoen.com)