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SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S 11th WIND FARM OPENS

Premier Mike Rann will today open South Australia's 11th wind farm.

Pacific Hydro's Clements Gap wind farm is near Crystal Brook, in the Mid-North.

"This wind farm has 27 turbines and will produce enough power for the equivalent of about 30,000 homes," Premier Mike Rann said.

"That equates to around 200,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas that would otherwise be released into the atmosphere each year.

"This is now the 11th wind farm in South Australia, amounting to a total wind-generated output of **868 megawatts**.

"That means – with just eight per cent of Australia's population - we have more wind power capacity than the other States combined.

"It's a fantastic achievement, given that in 2002 we didn't have a single operational wind turbine in South Australia.

"Now, we are seen as the jurisdiction of choice by the renewable energy industry, with about **\$2 Billion** invested in South Australian wind farms so far, and more in the pipeline.

"These investments deliver significant benefits to local communities, as well as to consumers and our environment.

"The site has employed a total of 425 people, with all contractors South Australian-based.

"South Australia is committed to being a leader in the development and production of renewable energy.

"Projects such as the Clements Gap Wind Farm are helping us to realise that goal and reach our environmental and economic goals.

"We're not content to have the lowest unemployment rate in Australia.

"We want to secure the jobs of the future, and through green industries such as wind power, we will reach our goal of generating 33 per cent of South Australia's power from renewable sources by 2020."