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### Hi Matthew

Fantastic to see your commitment to Tasmania, energy for addressing the right directions, and modern and aware of today and tomorrow I look forward to seeing you join Michael and Peter etc in forming new Government and getting a 10 plus year go to get Tassie on track etc .

I am send file copies of relevant past emails for background etc, then the brief as discussed.

Cheers

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G'day John and Colin

Here is the Liberal plan for energy – released today.

As you will see it does contain some very positive initiatives for household renewable energy production. In particular the solar hot water and the state-based green loans of up to \$10,000 interest free.

While it doesn't have all the elements you were pushing for, I trust you will see it as a winner. Not sure that labor have even released an energy policy?

Now, my job is to get out there and sell this policy in the few days remaining.

I look forward to your feedback. Don't forget, this certainly doesn't have to be the end of what we say on this subject.... In govt we will always be needing to consider further proposals and I am particularly interested in agency-based energy saving initiatives. Eg dept education could do a bulk order of LED's. Not a commitment, however this is the sort of thing I'd like to get test run.

Kind regards

Michael.

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# Media Release



**Peter Gutwein MP**  
Shadow Minister for Energy  
Tuesday 16 March, 2010

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## **Real Change- A bright future for energy in Tasmania**

A Hodgman Liberal Government will take a multi-faceted approach to ensure that Tasmanian energy customers are provided with the most competitive energy prices in the country, and that we build on the enormous opportunity we will have in an increasingly carbon constrained world through our historic and significant investment in renewable generation.

**We will:**

### **Help Tasmanians reduce their electricity bills**

- We will assist households and small businesses to install solar hot water systems through a \$1000 new grant scheme (\$2 million in 2010/11);

- Interest free loans up to \$10,000 repayable over 5 years will be available to assist with purchasing photovoltaic solar panels, micro wind and other market ready renewable generation options;
- Establish an independent Office of Energy Advice and Efficiency to assist households and businesses to improve energy efficiency and implement plans to reduce energy consumption. (\$1.5m over three years).

### **Backing Business to Invest in Renewable Energy**

- We will take a leadership role in facilitating investment in renewable energy
- Provide up to \$250,000 for wind mapping
- Offer a low interest loan scheme (loans up to \$500,000) to Tasmanian businesses to invest in wind power, photo voltaic and other approved market ready technologies (\$1.8 over three years combine with interest free loan scheme).
- We will immediately convene a taskforce to address the challenges of planning and tariff structures.

### **Task Infrastructure Tasmania with developing a plan for the further rollout of natural gas**

- We will develop a plan for the further rollout of natural gas that identifies those industries that can immediately benefit from natural gas.
- We will develop partnerships with the industry once the plan is developed to ensure that residential suburbs with the highest needs gain access as well.

### **Ensure that Tasmania is best placed to get best value out of its taxpayer owned electricity assets**

- We will develop and establish a long term strategic plan to 2030 to ensure that we maximise our position in the National Electricity market for the benefit of all Tasmanians;
- We will make certain that Tasmania's long term energy needs are met and that Tasmanians receive the most competitive pricing structures in the country;

- We will conduct a feasibility study to consider the benefits that a second basslink may deliver the State
- We will ensure that we realise on our potential to be one of the world's leading jurisdictions for renewable energy development and small scale distributed generation.
- We will not stand idly by as Labor have done and watch major developments like Muselroe wind farm grind to a halt and stall.

### **Help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by helping tune ups of larger buildings**

- A Hodgman Majority Liberal Government will establish a Greener Buildings Fund to help property owners give their buildings a green *tune up*, with an incentive program worth \$1.5 million over three years.
- The government assistance that is available from each of the three tiers of government.

The total cost of this policy is \$6.8M over the forward estimates.

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