



Media release: Tasmania does NOT have 100% renewable energy.

Climate Tasmania today debunked the commonly repeated line that Tasmania has 100% renewable energy.

“Tasmania does have 100% renewable electricity”, said spokesperson David Hamilton, “and that is excellent.

However, it is a bridge too far to describe it as ‘100% renewable energy’,” he said, pointing out that less than half of Tasmania’s energy came in the form of electricity. “Almost all of the rest of our energy comes from coal, oil, and gas. These fossil fuels are definitely not renewable and contribute to the climate emergency. If we want to slow and stop the progression of climate change, then we need to phase out those fossil fuels as quickly as possible.”

Climate Tasmania today released a Fact Sheet on the 100% renewable energy claim, which details the contribution made by renewables, coal, oil and gas to Tasmania’s energy. The fact sheet is the first of several the independent, science-based group plan to release during the State election campaign.

Spokesperson David Hamilton said: “Elections are about the future, and which parties and individuals Tasmanians think are best placed to lead them in the years ahead. Because climate change will profoundly impact Tasmania’s future, Climate Tasmania urges Tasmanians to ask candidates in the May 1 election to give clear and detailed statements as to their plans for responding to the climate emergency. Voters will then be able to take climate change into account as they decide how they will vote. We hope that our Fact Sheets and other information will assist Tasmanians to vote for the climate on 1st May,” he said.

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