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What is the future of Wind Energy industry in Victoria?

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The last major wind farm commissioned in Victoria was the Mt Mercer wind farm south of Ballarat. Further wind energy projects in Victoria seem to have come to a halt. Under the Baillieu / Napthine government planning for new large wind farm projects became very difficult but change appears to be on the horizon under the new government. The negative position of the Federal Government in relation to the renewable energy sector has resulted in institutional investment into renewable energy drying up. So where does this leave the wind energy industry in Victoria? What is its future and what benefits can we look forward to for local communities?

Guest Speakers: Tobias Geiger, Managing Director, WestWind Energy in conjunction with Andrew Bray, National Coordinator for the Australian Wind Alliance

Tobias holds a degree and a Masters of Science in Aerospace Engineering. Already during his studies at the University of Stuttgart he attended courses in renewable energy and wind energy. For the past 20 years he has been working in various fields in the area of wind energy ranging from design of rotor blades and material science over manufacturing, project management, wind farm development and integration of renewable energy into the electricity market.

Tobias leads WestWind Energy’s steady growth in Australia since 2007 and the company meanwhile has obtained planning permits for over 500MW of wind energy projects with another 500MW+ in the pipeline for future development.

Andrew has recently moved to Bungendore New South Wales after many years living in Ballarat. He is the National Coordinator for the Australian Wind Alliance, a community-based advocacy group for wind energy.

Prior to this position, Andrew worked for two years as an organiser and communications coordinator for renewable energy campaign, 100% Renewable and for a local sustainability group BREAZE – Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions. He is driven by a conviction that positive solutions like renewable energy are the key to engaging communities in the fight against climate change.
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