

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS — GERALDTON

Statement by Minister for Lands

MR J.N. CAREY (Perth — Minister for Lands) [12.25 pm]: I rise to inform the house that the Cook government has initiated exclusive negotiations with a prominent South Korean renewable energy consortium for an innovative green ammonia plant near Geraldton, marking a significant milestone. Progressive Green Solutions, in partnership with Samsung C&T and Korean Midland Power Company, proposes to establish the plant at DevelopmentWA's Nangulu industrial estate. The facility aims to produce up to one million tonnes of green ammonia annually, utilising renewable hydrogen.

This project is expected to play a vital role in supporting the decarbonisation of power generation assets in South Korea, with the first shipments projected for 2027. The Cook government, through DevelopmentWA, has successfully facilitated a land use solution to accommodate this venture, paving the way for the establishment of a new renewable energy cluster in Geraldton. The development will complement the planned hydrogen hub at Oakajee, showcasing Western Australia's commitment to sustainable and forward-looking energy solutions. The industrial estate's strategic location, situated 12 kilometres southeast of Geraldton, has attracted both local and foreign investors, drawn to its proximity to key industrial areas and transport links, including the port of Geraldton. By strategically planning and making industrial land available for the businesses of the future, our government aims to drive job creation, diversify the economy and foster sustainable growth in the renewable energy sector.

The midwest region's exceptional renewable energy resources have captured significant global interest and investments from markets like South Korea, Japan and Europe. These projects are not only crucial for supporting global decarbonisation efforts, but are also expected to unlock significant local manufacturing and job opportunities within the midwest. The growing interest from international proponents in renewable energy projects in Geraldton highlights the region's renewable potential and Western Australia's vital role in contributing to a greener and more sustainable future.

The Cook government and I, as the Minister for Lands, are committed to fostering the growth of the renewables sector, propelling Western Australia toward a cleaner and more decarbonised future.