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WA's clean energy future is now

WA's leading business body for sustainable energy and environment groups have united to release a map outlining the state's substantial renewable energy resources and deliver a strong message to the winner of the State election – WA's clean energy future is now.

"WA can achieve energy security and a clean, safe future with a massive roll-out of renewable energy over the next decade," said Denise Boyd, ACF's Campaigns Director. "Our renewable energy map shows WA is sitting on a massive untapped resource."

"WA can be powered on clean, renewable energy. The technology is here, the ideas are here, the investment potential is here. We are the Middle East of renewable energy," said Dr Ray Wills, CEO of the WA Sustainable Energy Association.

"My members – solar companies, wind companies, wave companies, geothermal companies – can power WA with sustainable energy resources. If the Premier flicks the switch to green, these companies will invest. From the Pilbara to the south-west, it's time to build a grid that delivers energy security and sustainable power to Western Australians," Dr Wills said.

"Investment in a clean energy sector for WA is vital in building a sustainable economy and preventing dangerous climate change. WA is in an ideal position to become world leader in renewable energy, and coupled with our resource industries we could be producing the world's first carbon neutral iron ore and other minerals," said Piers Verstegen, Director of the WA Conservation Council.

The three groups have called for new energy generation to come from renewable sources, infrastructure support to allow that to happen and a commitment to a commercial feed-in tariff to support establishment of future projects.

The map of WA's renewable energy potential released today (attached) outlines solar thermal, wind power and geothermal hotspots across the State. WA currently taps into only a tiny proportion of this resource.

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