

## Hepburn Wind finalist in Premier's Sustainability Awards 2011

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In a strong statement of recognition of community led renewable energy projects, Hepburn Wind is a finalist of the 2011 Premier's Sustainability Awards.

Hepburn Wind Chairman, Simon Holmes à Court said "on behalf of the 1600 members of Hepburn Wind, we are very grateful to be short-listed for the award. We hope that this recognition will encourage other communities to investigate building their own community scale renewable energy projects."

After six years of hard work by many committed residents of the Hepburn Shire, the project's two wind turbines are expected to be generating clean, safe electricity into the local electricity network before the middle of the year.

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith today congratulated the finalists on their success and their efforts in forging a more sustainable Victoria.

"Their initiatives demonstrate that our finalists are leaders in their respective industries, the awards showcase world-first technology and creative thinking to deliver a whole range of sustainable products and services to Victorians," Mr Smith said.

Category winners and the recipient of the Premier's Recognition Award will be announced at sustainability's night of nights on 9 June 2011 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The two turbine project will generate more energy in an average year than is used by the 2000 homes of Daylesford and is the first wind farm in Australia to be initiated and controlled by a community.

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