

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE - Monday 15th October 2012

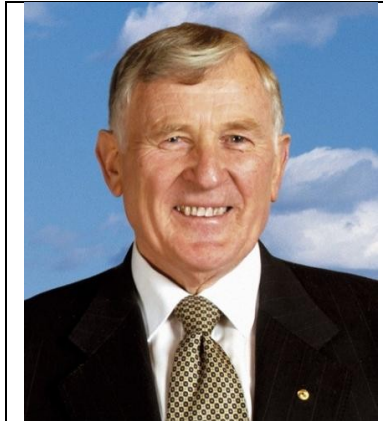
Renewable Energy – the future for Tasmania and the World?

SPEAKING
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Peter Rae AO,

Honorary Chairman of the REN Alliance – the world peak body of renewable energy associations (wind, hydro, solar, bioenergy and geothermal) and the Chairman of the former Tasmanian Renewable Energy Industry Development Board, **will share his views on the status, value and future prospects of renewable energy internationally and in Australia.**

(background and details below)



Australian report launch:

Peter will also launch the 2012 Renewables Global Status Report.

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5.30 for 6.00 pm start

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**Rory Spence VOS Construction Lecture Theatre,
School of Architecture and Design,
University of Tasmania, Inveresk, Launceston**

Free public lecture presented and convened by:



ATA Tas North Branch

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Who is Peter Rae?

Peter Rae is Chairman of the International Renewable Energy Alliance which is the world alliance of the major world renewable energy associations (bioenergy, hydro, wind, solar and geothermal). He is Senior Vice President of the World Wind Energy Association and has served on the Board of several of the other Alliance partners.

He is also a Vice Chairman of REN21 and a member of the International Jury of the Energy Globe Sustainability Awards.

From 1993 to 2004 he was Chairman of Hydro Tasmania and led the 100-year-old hydro corporation's expansion into the wind industry.

He was the founding Chairman of Renewable Energy Generators Australia (REGA) from 1999 to 2009.

From 1968 till 1986 he was a Senator for Tasmania and for 6 ½ years a Shadow Minister. He was a Minister in the Tasmanian Government for 3 ½ years. Whilst a Senator he was chairman of the Securities and Exchange Committee which led to the formation of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission.

Peter was the Chairman of the Tasmanian Renewable Energy Industry Development Board which last year produced and published a report to the Tasmanian Government providing its recommendations for the way to develop a renewable energy future for Tasmania .

In 1999 Peter was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for service to business and commerce, to the federal and Tasmanian parliaments, and to the aboriginal community of Flinders Island.

In 2005 he was the University of Tasmania Alumni of the Year with particular reference to his achievements in the field of Renewable Energy.

Public Lecture Background

The context for the lecture is the urgent need for us to reduce our dependence upon finite resources.

The lecture will review the world situation for renewable energy and the role of the industry grouping: the REN Alliance and the international renewable policy advocacy group: REN21. REN21 publishes an annual Renewables Global Status Report, and this lecture will be the official launch of the 2012 Global Status Report for Australia.

There is an active and visible anti-renewables lobbying effort, which is seemingly associated with sections of the mining and fossil fuel industries. This creates and disseminates myths about renewable energy, myths which will be dealt with in the lecture.

The development of policies towards renewable energy in Australia will be discussed and assessed. Recent Australian reviews and recommendations, such as those made by the Tasmanian Renewable Energy Industry Development Board will be discussed and the political response to those reports will be described.