



## **Don Harwin**

Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council  
Minister for Resources  
Minister for Energy and Utilities  
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#### **FEMALE ENERGY APPRENTICES POWER AHEAD**

Greater Western Sydney and the Illawarra are set to receive a skills boost with Endeavour Energy welcoming 20 new apprentices to its workforce.

In an industry first, women will make up half the successful intake following a highly competitive selection process, Minister for Energy Don Harwin announced today.

“It’s great to see Endeavour Energy is committed to promoting job opportunities in non-traditional roles and building diversity across its workforce,” he said.

“These new apprentices will help roll out the network needed to power the biggest coordinated land release in NSW’s history.

“Greater Western Sydney is already home to one in every 11 Australians, with its population projected to reach three million by 2036.

“With one of the fastest growing economies in Australia, we need a new generation of enthusiastic tradespeople to power this region for many years to come,” he said.

Endeavour Energy’s Chief Executive Officer Tony Narvaez said he was delighted to welcome these talented men and women after a five-year lull in Endeavour Energy’s apprentice program.

“This is a significant investment in job creation by our Board and we’re excited about the calibre and talent our new recruits bring to Endeavour,” he said.

“We’re committed to encouraging diversity, so it’s especially rewarding to see this record number of female apprentices embark on a four-year training program.”

The new recruits will be based at Endeavour Energy’s Technical Training Centre at Hoxton Park, one of the most modern electrical training facilities in the state.

Subject to meeting strict performance criteria, they will graduate after four years with a Certificate III Electro technology Electrician qualification.

This nationally recognised qualification will equip them to work flexibly across transmission and distribution roles.

Endeavour Energy’s last intake of apprentices was in 2012.

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