

# **ASX & Media Release**

# AGL to partner with Global Infrastructure Partners to establish \$2 billion Energy Transition Investment Partnership (ETIP)

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AGL Energy Limited (**AGL**) today announced Global Infrastructure Partners as its 49% equity partner in the Energy Transition Investment Partnership (**ETIP**).

ETIP is an innovative investment vehicle designed by AGL for Accel Energy (**Accel**) to develop, own and manage an initial approximately 2.7 GW of quality renewables and low carbon firming assets (Foundation Projects). These Foundation Projects will support Accel in maintaining its position as one of the largest operators and off-takers of renewable energy in Australia and to drive Australia's energy transition by developing new renewable and low-carbon firming assets. It is also intended that additional projects and capacity will be added to the ETIP pipeline in the coming years.

Establishment of the ETIP is subject to completion of the proposed AGL demerger (a condition which may be satisfied or waived by AGL) and receipt of approval, or notice of no objection, by the Foreign Investment Review Board of Global Infrastructure Partners investment in ETIP.

Accel and Global Infrastructure Partners intend to jointly fund \$2.0 billion of equity to ETIP (split 51% Accel : 49% Global Infrastructure Partners) to support the development of the approximately 2.7 GW pipeline, with the remaining funding requirements to be financed by debt on a project-by-project basis.

Global Infrastructure Partners will acquire 49% of the development pipeline for \$94 million which includes an up-front cash payment of \$40 million to Accel, with the balance to be utilised by Accel to fund its share of the ongoing investment in the development pipeline.

AGL CEO and Managing Director Graeme Hunt said he was pleased to have such a high-quality investment partner in Global Infrastructure Partners, a leading global independent infrastructure fund manager with more than \$100 billion of assets under management. Global Infrastructure Partners is also one of the largest renewable energy investors globally, with ownership interests in approximately 15 GW of operating capacity and royalty interests in approximately 19 GW of operating capacity (both on a gross basis).

"There was strong interest shown in ETIP by a number of globally renowned infrastructure investors, and we are excited to have selected Global Infrastructure Partners. The establishment of ETIP will support Accel in funding low-carbon developments whilst providing Global Infrastructure Partners exclusive access to a portfolio of investments. If all the Foundation Projects in ETIP were to proceed, it would represent an investment of approximately \$4.7 billion into the future of energy in Australia," said Mr Hunt.

The interest shown in ETIP and Global Infrastructure Partners' selection reflects the quality of the pipeline that Accel will be progressing and the strong capabilities it will have as a clean energy developer. It is anticipated AGL's proposed wind farm at Bowmans Creek (up to 450 MW) in New South Wales and the Loy Yang battery (200 MW) in Victoria will be the first two projects developed by ETIP. The final investment decision for both projects is targeted to be taken by the end of 2022.



#### **Further Information:**

The Foundation Projects are outlined in the table below:

Project	Capacity	Target investment decision by <sup>1</sup>
Liddell Battery (NSW)	250 MW / up to 2 hours	2H-2022
Loy Yang Battery (VIC)	200 MW / 1 hour	2H-2022
Bells Mountain Pumped Hydro (NSW)	250 MW	2023 - 2024
Bowmans Creek Wind Farm (NSW)	350 - 450 MW	Late 2022
Barn Hill Wind Farm (SA)	250 MW	Mid 2023
Wind Project 1 (VIC)	Up to 600 MW	Mid 2023
Wind Project 2 (NSW)	450 - 650 MW	Late 2023
Total	2.4 - 2.7 GW	

Notes: (1) All investment dates are subject to identifying potential PPAs or partial offtakes, and other project variables. Excludes projects for which investment decision has already been taken.

Authorised for release by AGL's Market Disclosure Committee.

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## About AGL

Proudly Australian for more than 180 years, AGL supplies around 4.5 million energy and telecommunications customer services<sup>1</sup>. We're committed to becoming a leading multi-product retailer, making energy and other essential services simple, fair and transparent. AGL operates Australia's largest private electricity generation portfolio within the National Electricity Market, comprising coal and gas-fired generation, renewable energy sources such as wind, hydro and solar, batteries and other firming technology, and gas production and storage assets. We are building on our history as Australia's leading private investor in renewable energy to now lead the business of transition to a low emissions, affordable and smart energy future in line with the goals of our Climate Statement. We have a passionate belief in progress and a relentless determination to make things better for our communities, customers, the Australian economy and our planet.

## **About Global Infrastructure Partners**



Established in 2006, Global Infrastructure Partners is one of the world's leading specialist infrastructure investors. The funds and investment platforms managed by Global Infrastructure Partners make equity and debt investments in infrastructure assets and businesses in both OECD and selected emerging market countries, targeting investments in the energy, transport, water / waste and digital infrastructure sectors where Global Infrastructure Partners possesses deep experience and relationships. Global Infrastructure Partners has 10 offices around the world with major hubs in New York, Stamford, London, Sydney, Hong Kong and Mumbai. Global Infrastructure Partners manages over \$100 billion for its investors. GIP's portfolio companies have combined annual revenues of c. US\$61 billion and employ in excess of 99,000 people. Global Infrastructure Partners managed investments in Australia include the Port of Melbourne, Pacific National, QCLNG Common Facilities, Sydney Airport and Pluto Train 2. Further information can be found on Global Infrastructure Partners' website at www.global-infra.com.