

Have your say on bioenergy plan

TURNING organic waste into energy from agricultural, municipal, industrial and forestry waste can feed a wide range of energy needs.

Bioenergy can be used for heating, fuels such as methane and transport fuels for cars, boats, and planes as well as electricity generation and industrial heat.

The State Government has

released its new draft Bioenergy Vision for Tasmania.

Submissions are now sought on the draft vision with feedback received to feed into finalising the vision.

As biomass can be regrown sustainably, bioenergy is globally recognised as a renewable energy source and can substitute or prevent fossil fuels from being used in many

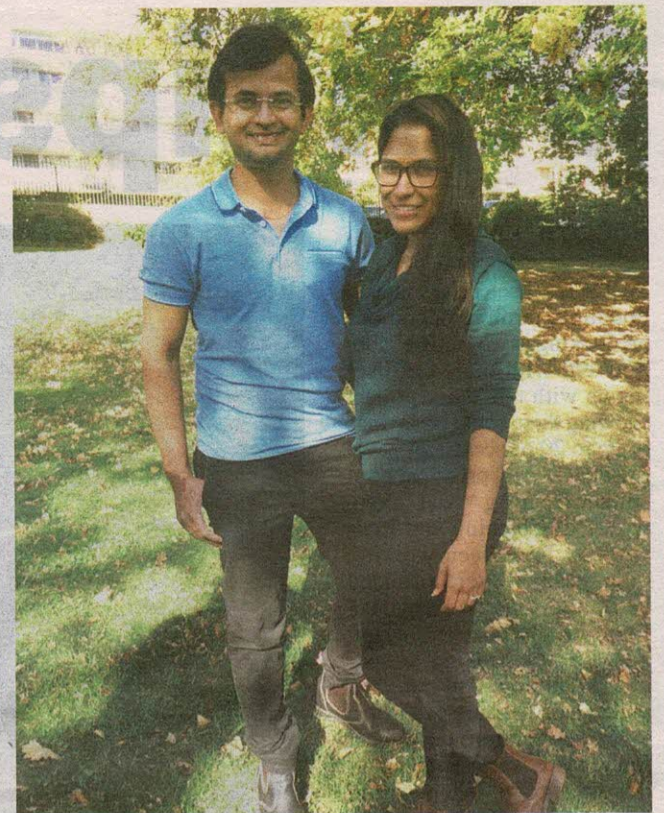
applications.

Tasmania leads the nation by producing 100 per cent of its electricity needs from renewables and biomass energy complements this by using what would otherwise be discarded.

The draft Bioenergy Vision for Tasmania has been developed with the assistance of an extensive range of industries including agriculture,

aquaculture, waste management, forestry and timber processing, power generation, industrial energy users, transport, peak industry bodies and construction.

Draft Bioenergy Vision for Tasmania is available at https://recfit.tas.gov.au/consultation_and_community with submissions closing on February 14, 2022.



Ram K Savana and Mrudula Sant of Enable Ag

Work-life team's award bid

A LAUNCESTON agricultural consultancy is among four Tasmanian companies selected as state finalists in the 2022 Telstra Best of Business Awards – Embracing Innovation category.

Founded by Ram K Savana in 2018, Enable Ag's vision is to enable farmers and their future generations to have more time for themselves and their families.

Enable Ag strives to change the way farmers operate by offering tailored business frameworks for farmers to better control the hours they work.

After 3500 hours of research, direct contact with farmers and extensive hands-on farm experience, Mr Savana and his growing team have supported more than 30 farmers across the North, North-West and Central Highlands.

Enable Ag is one of more than 24,000 companies nominated across the country and is awaiting the announcement of both state and national category winners in early 2022.

From growing up on an 80-acre farm in India, to studying science and innovation disciplines in Australia, it was no surprise that Mr Savana's

company was nominated in the Embracing Innovation category.

"When my wife and I moved to Tasmania we really wanted to embrace and become a part of our local community, but also wanted to ensure we were using the scientific and analytical skills we had developed through work and study in the medical device sector in Melbourne," Mr Savana said.

"We knew agriculture played a huge role in the Tasmanian economy and as we got to know farmers locally we saw how difficult it was to reach a sustainable work-life balance, which is truly a shame, especially in this stunning state."

Mr Savana said being a finalist in the awards was a huge accolade for the company and highlighted the impact they have had on so many Tasmanian farmers' lives.

"It would be amazing to win and really help to catapult our Tasmanian and even national expansion."

The Telstra Best of Business Awards are the most prestigious business awards in Australia. State winners will be announced next with the National Gala Event in April.

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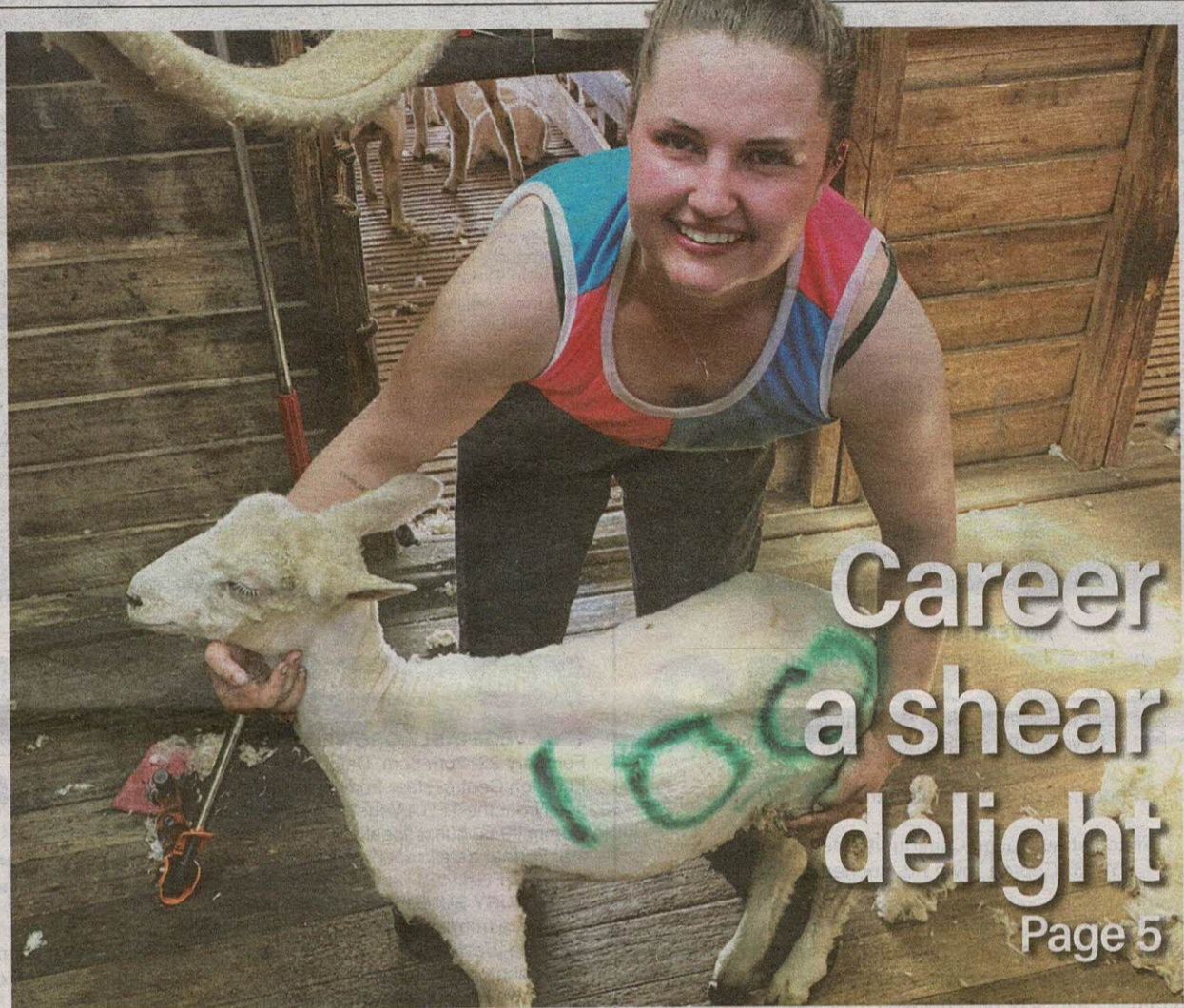
Covid chaos Topsy turvy times

ROGER HANSON and
JOSH HARRIS

TASMANIA'S meat and fruit processors are soldiering on to stock the nation's shelves with fresh product despite the complexities created by Covid.

The topsy turvy world of Covid is creating problems in supply chains across the nation with staff required to isolate after being categorised as a close contact and/or testing positive for the virus.

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Shearer Emily Spencer with the 100th sheep she sheared in a single day just before Christmas.

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