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ENERGY

Queensland jobs drop in renewables

QUEENSLAND suffered the largest drop in the country of full time employment in the renewable energy sector in the past four years.

An Australian Bureau of Statistics publication released yesterday showed employment in the sector lost 2860 workers, a 51 per cent fall from 2011-12 to 2015-16.

For the same period, South Australia experienced a fall of 1650, Victoria a fall of 1530 and Western Australia 1170.

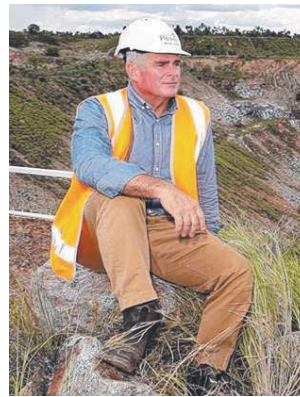
Employment in renewable energy activity fell 16 per cent nationwide.

It comes as site clearing begins at the Genex Power Kidston solar project in the Far North.

Managing director Michael Addison said the company remained focused on developing the renewable energy hub as soon as possible.

“The theoretical financial performance of the 50MW Kidston Solar Project (assuming it had been in operation) has the potential to provide a solid revenue and earnings platform for Genex, going forward,” he said.

ABS program manager of environment and agricultural statistics, Lisa Wardlaw-Kelly, said renewable innovations were emerging all the time.



BEGINNING: Michael Addison, managing director of Genex.