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Genex Power gains energising support

A BURGEONING Far North renewable energy project has been granted Critical Infrastructure status by the State Government.

The label gives Genex Power's combined Kidston solar and hydro developments near Georgetown greater certainty as construction ramps up on its first stage.

"The declaration of the Kidston Renewable Energy Hub as a Prescribed Project, and the more significant subset of Critical Infrastructure, enables Genex to fast-track the development of its Stage Two project," Genex managing director Michael Addison said.

Kidston's 50MW first stage

is expected to be completed by later this year.

State Development Minister Anthony Lynham said prescribed project powers and critical infrastructure status allowed Queensland's independent Coordinator-General to employ special powers to help deliver a project and ensure timely approvals.

"This is about supporting a project that will help deliver a reliable renewable energy source and support hundreds of jobs," Mr Lynham said.

"It will help deliver energy stability and contribute to our commitments to deliver more renewable energy over the coming years."