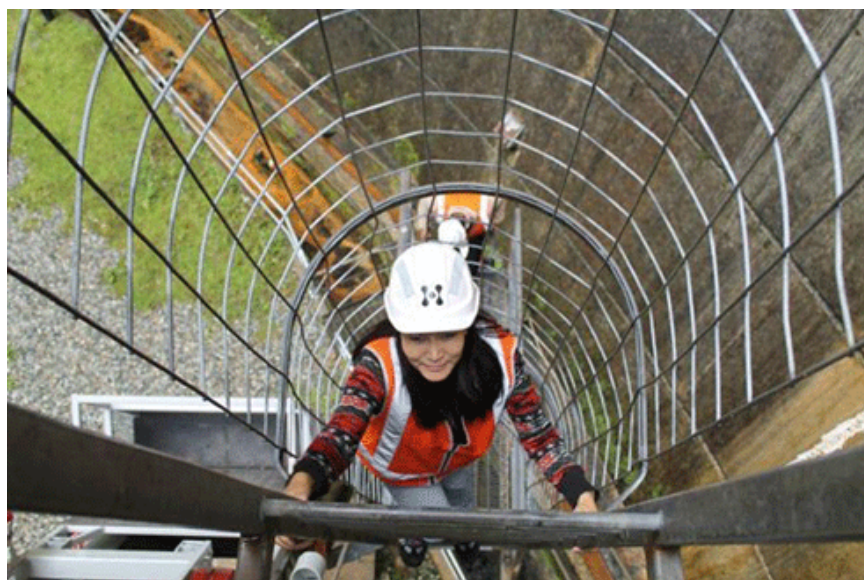


## Tasmania ‘exports’ hydropower expertise to Bhutan

**A 15-member delegation from Bhutan’s government-owned Druk Green Power Corporation has just visited Tasmania to undertake an intensive two-week training program at the Hydro Power Tasmania’s Entura clean energy and water institute.**



Credit: Entura

The program included courses in hydropower development, hydrology, project economics, and environmental and social safeguards, as well as business systems and leadership.

The training is funded under the Australia Awards Fellowships, administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The fellowships aim to develop leadership, address regional development priorities, and strengthen partnerships and links between Australian organisations and partner organisations in developing countries.

Institute Director, Dr Amanda Ashworth, said the Government of Bhutan is aiming to provide electricity to all households in the small nation by 2020, as well as creating revenue through export of energy to India.

‘The government of Bhutan sees the energy sector as a vital tool to improve the quality of life for Bhutanese people, and to alleviate poverty,’ she said.

‘Developing capability within Bhutan in sustainable hydropower development will provide a foundation to successfully implement the government’s planned energy development projects.’

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