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LATROBE VALLEY 4 DAY FORECAST

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16° CLOUDY	16° CLOUDY/RAIN	17° CLOUDY	17° SUNNY

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Annabelle Beale took to the slopes of Mt Baw Baw for her latest Valley Venture. Read more on page 8

No clear plan for jobs

By JARROD WHITTAKER

THE union representing electrical workers has emerged "disappointed" from a meeting with Federal Climate Change Minister Greg Combet after failing to secure a funding commitment for a plan to make the Latrobe Valley a renewable manufacturing hub.

Electrical Trades Union Victorian branch state secretary Dean Mighell and local union delegates met with Mr Combet on Monday during the minister's visit to the region.

"I appreciate the fact he took his time to come down and talk with our delegates and he certainly outlined a compelling case for the carbon tax," Mr Mighell said.

"However I was left disappointed by the fact there is no clear plan for jobs in the Latrobe Valley."

The ETU recently indicated its opposition to the carbon tax based on fears of the impact the legislation could have on the Latrobe Valley and planned to use the meeting with Mr Combet to call for the region to become a green manufacturing hub.

Central to that plan was using government funds to support the construction of wind generators in the Latrobe Valley.

"We believe the Federal Government has an immense role in assisting renewable manufacturing industries in the Latrobe

Valley," Mr Mighell said.

"They assist many industries currently such as the vehicle industry, shipbuilding, aluminium smelting and others.

"We're asking for our share to ensure the long term viability of the Latrobe Valley."

During the meeting Mr Combet indicated a willingness to continue discussions with the ETU and Mr Mighell said his union would "certainly be taking that opportunity".

Mr Combet described his discussion with ETU officials as "really good" and said the meeting included discussions of issues surrounding the proposed carbon tax.

"I hope it's got to a point where Dean (Mighell) can feel the government is genuinely engaged in addressing the issues that concern his membership," Mr Combet said.

He said he would continue to have ongoing discussions with the union about the implications of the policy.

Mr Combet said placing a price on carbon was the best thing the government could do to drive investment in green technologies.

"Once you put a price tag on pollution that drives innovation in the economy and it makes cleaner energy sources cheaper relative to coal," Mr Combet said.

"It won't be for government to say we'll build a factory here or a factory there,

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