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Clean energy source lies beneath our city

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ANGLESEA'S coal-burning power plant could be replaced with clean "hot rock" energy, if a new study is correct.

A report into international cities' potential

for geothermal energy production has named the Geelong and greater Melbourne regions as number one.

Early data from the report, conducted by geothermal energy consultant Hot Dry Rocks,

suggests heat energy across the region could even supply one-sixth of the state's energy base load — enough to replace the Anglesea plant.

Resources firm Green-earth Energy released

the data to support its exploration of the area. The study took in 40 cities in the US, Europe and Asia, all dedicated to tackling climate change.