



Notice of Proposal to Declare an Area Bass Strait off Gippsland, Victoria

I, The Honourable Chris Bowen MP, the responsible Commonwealth Minister for the *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021* (the Act), make the following notice under section 18 of the Act:

- (a) I propose to declare an area off the coast of Gippsland, Victoria, as identified by the dataset titled '*Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021 - Proposed Area - Gippsland, Victoria*' available on the [Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's website](#).
- (b) I invite submissions from the public on this proposal.
- (c) Submissions are to be made via the [Consultation Hub](#).
- (d) Submissions must be received by 7 October 2022 in order to be considered.

All areas declared as suitable for offshore renewable energy will be multi-user spaces. Offshore renewable energy projects must share the area with other users and interests.

Further Information

For more information on the area under consideration, please see supporting documents '*Overview of the Proposed Area*', '*Supporting Information for the Region*' and '*Marine Users and Interests*' available on the [Consultation Hub](#).

A [map](#) has also been developed that allows users to interact with the area and geographic information of other users and interest in the area. Other tools, visualisations and data relevant to Offshore Renewable Energy in Australian waters are also available on the [Australian Marine Spatial Information System](#) portal.

Indicative map of area

This map is provided as a guide only, and is not a definitive representation of the area proposed to be declared. The exact series of geospatial coordinates for the area is available in the dataset titled '*Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021– Proposed Area – Gippsland, Victoria*' available on the [Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's website](#).

