



Notice of Proposal to Declare an Area - Southern Ocean Region off Victoria and South Australia

28 June 2023

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 in the Southern Ocean, extending from Warrnambool, Victoria to Port MacDonnell, South Australia, as identified by the dataset titled '*Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021– Proposed Area – Southern Ocean Region*' 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 **31 August 2023** in order to be considered.

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

Further Information

For more information on the area proposed, see *Overview of the Proposed Area – Southern Ocean Region* and the *Marine Users, Interests and the Environment in the Southern Ocean Region* supporting documents available on the [Consultation Hub](#).

A map allows users to interact with the Southern Ocean Region under consideration and geographic information relevant to other users and interests in the area. The map, 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

An indicative map of the proposed area is shown below. This map is 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 – Southern Ocean Region* available on the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's website.

