



Variation to Notice of Proposal to Declare an Area – Pacific Ocean off Illawarra, NSW

11 October 2023

On 14 August 2023, I, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, the responsible Commonwealth Minister for the *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021* (the Act) proposed to declare an area in the Pacific Ocean off Illawarra, New South Wales and published a notice in accordance with section 18 of the Act. The notice invited submissions from the public on the proposal and specified 16 October 2023 as the day by which submissions may be made.

In accordance with section 33(3) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*, I hereby vary the notice dated 14 August 2023 to extend the day by which submissions may be made to 15 November 2023.

For the purpose of section 18 of the Act, the terms of the notice, as varied, are:

- (a) I propose to declare an area in the Pacific Ocean off Illawarra, New South Wales, as identified by the dataset titled '*Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021 – Proposed Area – Illawarra 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 **15 November 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 – Illawarra Region* and the *Marine Users, Interests and the Environment in the Illawarra Region* supporting documents available on the [Consultation Hub](#).

A map allows users to interact with the Illawarra 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 – Illawarra Region* available on the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water’s website.

