

An aerial view of an offshore wind farm in the ocean. Several white wind turbines with yellow bases are visible. A blue and white service vessel is moving across the water in the foreground, leaving a white wake. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

# Community Advisory Group

Meeting #10 – 9 February 2022

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we all meet today and pay our respect to their elders past, present and future.

In particular, we recognise the Gunaikurnai people as Traditional Owners of the area in which the Star of the South would be located.

# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Standing items and actions from previous meeting
  - Apologies
  - Minutes
  - Declaration of potential conflicts
  - Introduction of new members
3. What's happening on the project?
4. What's happening in the community?
  - Mary-Lou Dixon
  - Jack Winterbottom
  - Others
5. Meet our new team members and hear about their work
  - Industry Development Manager
  - Fishing Liaison Officer
6. Other business
  - Next meeting – proposed site visit tour
  - Update on CAG member page
  - Other questions or feedback

# What's been happening

- Spoke with around 180 people at:
  - Woodside Beach Twilight Market (thanks Travis and Jack!)
  - Sea Days Festival Port Welshpool
  - Chalk Art Festival Yarram
  - Yarram Golf Club Pro-Am
- Commercial fishing consultation sessions at Lakes Entrance and Port Franklin
- Preliminary **Aboriginal Cultural Heritage surveys** complete
- Benthic ecology survey underway
- Sponsoring the Gippsland Community Leadership Program



Work has continued over the Christmas and New Year period

# What's coming up

- Environmental assessments continuing
- Onshore geotechnical investigations Mar-July
- Offshore geotechnical investigations later 2022
- Reviewing transmission route to incorporate further landholder feedback and preliminary environmental survey findings
- Marine Ecology Survey Program – 2 years of surveys almost complete. Still to come – birds, whales, fish.
- Investigating offshore jobs, skills and transition pathways



Example drill rig



Example test pit site

## Community events

We're planning a calendar of events to make ourselves available in the community this year.

We'd love to hear ideas from the CAG!  
What's happening in your 'hood?

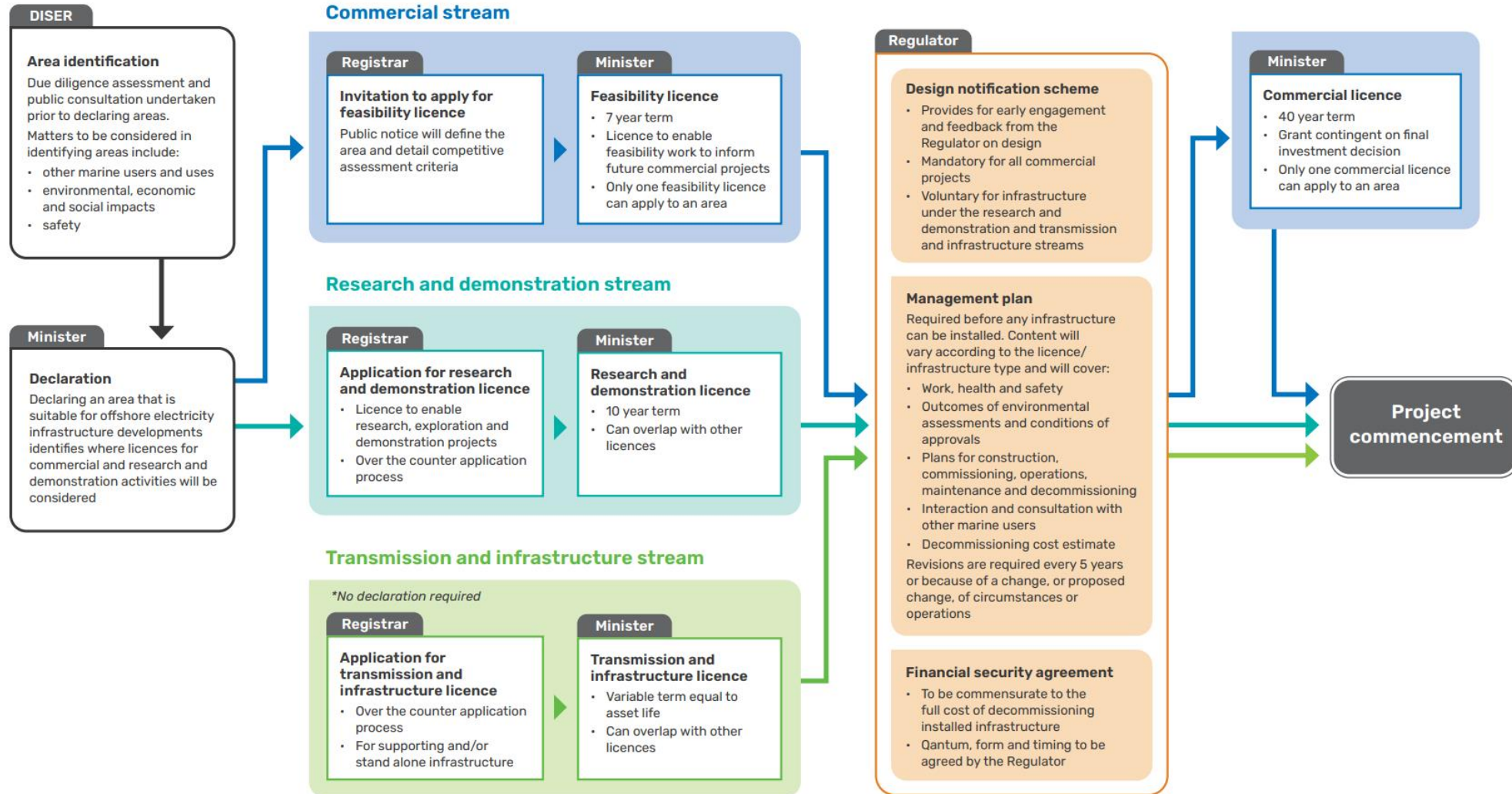
- Phillip Island Pro surfing – 12/2
- Foster Agricultural Show – 26/2
- Rotary District Conference – 26/2
- Discover Boating Showcase – 22-23/4
- Melbourne Knowledge Week – 11/5

We'll be working towards important approval and licensing requirements in 2022

# Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Framework

## Regulatory Process Map

Source: [NOPSEMA](#)



### Roles and responsibilities

<p><b>Minister (for Energy)</b> Responsible for making all licensing decisions under the framework</p>	<p><b>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (DISER)</b> Responsible for leading area identification process and advising and supporting the Minister for Energy</p>	<p><b>Offshore Infrastructure Registrar</b> Responsible for assessment of applications and ongoing licence administration</p>	<p><b>Offshore Infrastructure Regulator</b> Responsible for oversight of work, health and safety, environmental management, infrastructure integrity and financial security for offshore infrastructure activities</p>
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# What's happening in the community

- Mary-Lou (5 mins)
- Jack (5 mins)
- Everyone
  - What are you hearing?
  - What are the hot topics in your local area?

Would you like to give an update at the next meeting?



# What's happening in the community – Mary Lou





# What's happening in the community – Jack





# Meet our new team members

# Katrina Langdon – Industry Development Manager



## Skills

Working with Latrobe Valley companies, TAFE Gippsland and Federation Uni to define work pathways to work in offshore wind.

- Example job descriptions and case studies
- Role mapping
- Course mapping
- 'Fed Cadet' student joining the team



## Supply chain

Engaging with Tier 1 contractors to understand:

- Opportunities for local businesses
- Pre-qualification requirements
- Recruitment processes
- Work experience opportunities



## Local businesses

Engagement through ICN Gateway, GROW Gippsland and local events.

[starofthesouth.com.au/suppliers](http://starofthesouth.com.au/suppliers)



# Lachy McKinnon - Fishing Liaison Officer



Working with fishers – sharing information, listening and consulting on project development and investigations.

## Commercial fishers

- Identifying, connecting and communicating with those who currently fish in the area
- Developing our understanding of commercial fishing in the area
- Listening to feedback about fishing in the wind farm – what's practical and safe?
- Consulting on offshore investigations
- Supporting discussions about compensation

[Commercial fishing FAQ](#)

## Recreational fishing and boating

- Raising awareness of the project
- Developing our understanding of recreational fishing and boating in the area
- Listening to ideas, concerns and other feedback.



# Other business

- CAG site tour (land-based)
  - Are you willing to commit to an afternoon out?
  - Ideas for what to see and visit?
- Update on CAG member page
- Other questions and feedback?
- Suggestions for future agenda items?
  - Transmission and grid connection
  - Birds
  - Ecology / vegetation
  - Jobs and local manufacturing

## Forward meeting schedule

Date	Topic
Thu 31 Mar	Site tour 1-5pm
Wed 11 May	
Thu 23 Jun	
Wed 10 Aug	
Thu 6 Oct	
Wed 16 Nov	
December	Xmas breakup

# Proposed site visit – draft itinerary

- Meet at Yarram office – lunch / mini-meeting

## Potential stops

- Port Albert (*Jenni / Marcus?*)
- McLoughlin's Beach (*Allan?*)
- Reeves Beach (??)
- Woodside Beach (*Travis, Deb?*)
- Giffard (*Nicki?*)
- Return to Yarram

