

# Community Advisory Group

Meeting #17 – 8 February 2023

We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the traditional custodians of the land and pay respect to their elders past and present

# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Standing items and actions
  - Apologies
  - Minutes and action items
  - Declaration of potential conflicts
3. What's happening on the project
  - Welcome Paul Johnson
4. What's happening in the community
  - Anne Roussac-Hoyne
  - Jonathan Pintus
5. Focus topic: Recent government updates
6. Other business

# What's been happening

- **Declaration of Bass Strait** under the Offshore Energy Infrastructure Act 2021
- **Major project status** for Star of the South
- **Events and presentations:** Yarram Rotary Charity Golf Day, Sea Days Festival
- **Many visitors** to the Yarram office across summer
- **A new piece of artwork** for the Gippsland office
- **Getting involved** with Port Welshpool Coast Guard
- **Renewed media interest in offshore wind**  
- Charles interviewed in Dec and Jan



# What's coming up

- **Pelagic fish surveys**
- **Feasibility licence application**
- **Seabed studies** start date to be confirmed
- **Workforce mapping** report
- **Local supply chain** capabilities and opportunities report
- **Ocean Business Leaders Summit**
- **Events and presentations:** VFA Ultimate Fishing Expo, Toora Town Triathlon Family Day, Port Albert Yacht Club 'Coffee, Chats and Company', Sistas in Business, Indigenous Trade Show, Maroondah Bushwalking Club



The feasibility licence application is our top priority over the coming months

# What's happening in the community

- **Community updates**
  - Anne Roussac-Hoyne
  - Jonathan Pintus
- **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?**



# Focus on: Recent government announcements



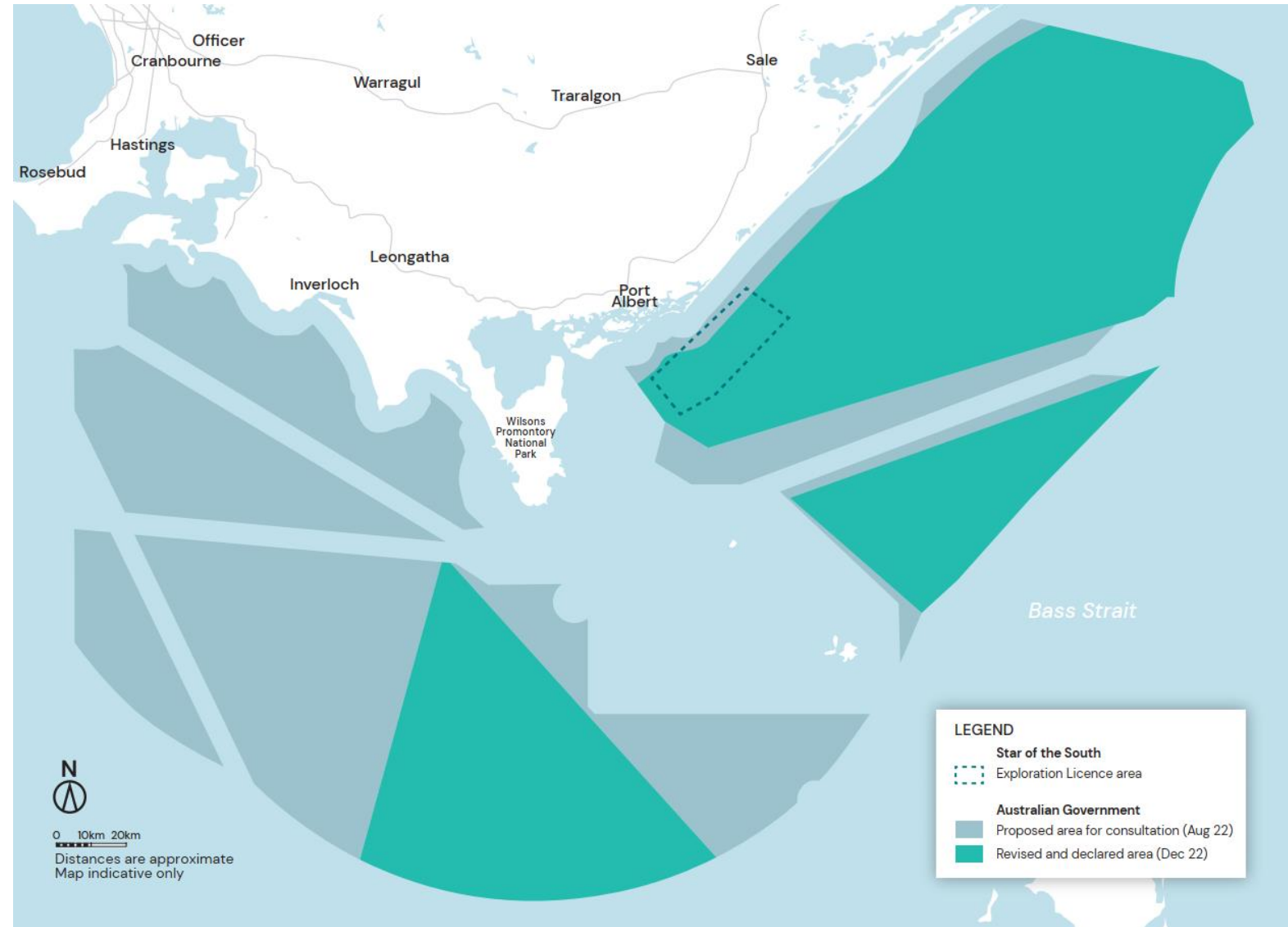
# Declaration of Bass Strait, off Gippsland

Area revised following government consultation in Aug-Sep 2022 – 765 submissions received.

[Consultation overview and findings available online](#)

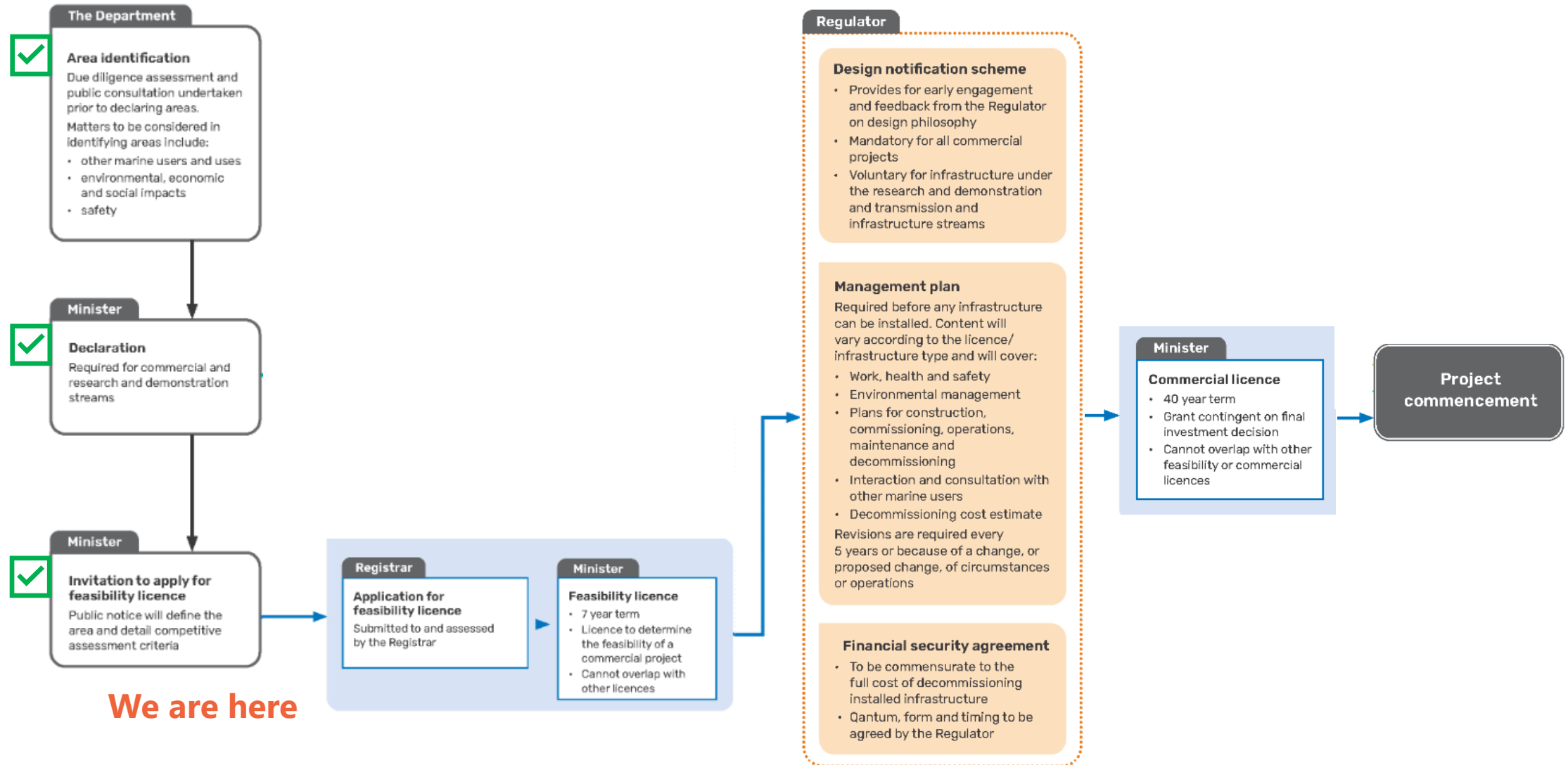
Key changes:

- 10km coastal buffer
- Expands bird flyway passage between Wilsons Prom and Flinders Island
- Wider shipping lane
- Area west of the Prom not declared pending further consultation





# Feasibility Licence applications open



# Major Project Status

“Major Project Status means the **Major Projects Facilitation Agency** will provide bespoke, tailored facilitation, referral and information services to Star of the South for 3 years.

This includes understanding and navigating the Australian Government regulatory approvals process.

Most projects with MPS face complex Australian Government regulatory challenges and make a significant contribution to:

- national strategic priorities
- the Australian economy and growth
- employment and education
- development for regional and northern Australia”

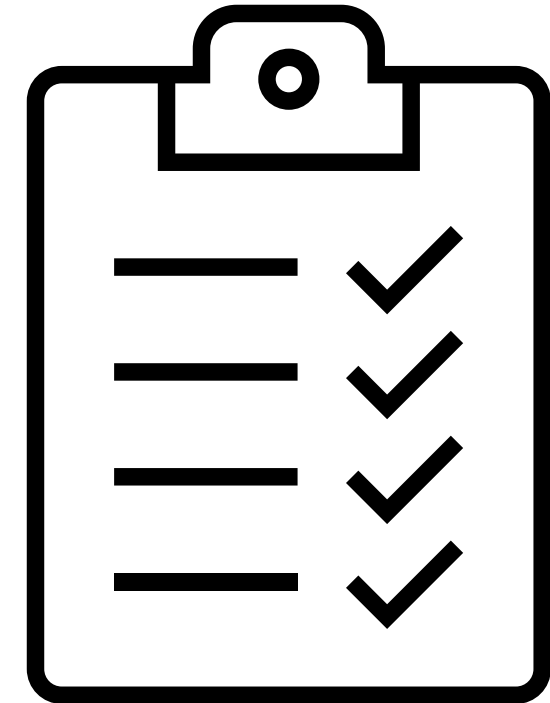


Source: <https://www.industry.gov.au/news/offshore-windfarm-development-awarded-major-project-status>

Major project status will support our ability to engage with government

# 2023 look ahead – key priorities

- Feasibility licence application – TOP PRIORITY!
- Understanding and adapting to emerging policy and regulations
  - Victorian Offshore Wind Implementation Statements 1 (released), 2 (early 2023) and 3 (late 2023)
  - VicGrid-led transmission
  - Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act – draft second tranche of regulations expected in early 2023 and is expected to cover management plans, financial security, protection zones and work health and safety.
- Continuing work on and adapting our environmental assessments
- Continuing to work in partnership with locals, GLaWAC, landholders, government and industry





# Other business

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- Other questions and feedback?
- Suggestions for future agenda items?
  - List on the CAG Member Teams Page 'files'
  - Email/call Jason
- Next meeting – 30 March 2023

## Forward meeting schedule

Date	Location	Topic (tentative, subject to change)
30 March 2023	Latrobe Valley	Benefit sharing
10 May 2023	Foster / South Gippsland	Workforce and supply chain study findings
29 June	Sale	Commercial fishing
16 August	Yarram	Timeline deep-dive – how are we tracking?
5 October	Latrobe Valley	Feasibility Licence outcomes and next steps
15 November	Foster / South Gippsland	Marine environmental assessment update (including birds, marine mammals, seafloor ecology)
December (TBC)	TBC	Xmas breakup

Thank you for your participation