

Community Advisory Group

Meeting #25 – 7 February 2024

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. Focus topic: Project timelines revisited
4. Focus topic: Ports update following the Hastings decision
5. Break (10 min)
6. What's happening on the project
7. What's happening in the community
8. CAG annual survey results
9. Other business
 - Other questions or feedback
 - Suggestions for future agenda items
 - Next meeting – 4 April in Sale (Venue TBC).
10. Meeting close



Focus topic:
Ports update following the Hastings decision

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Construction ports need to have deep water with suitable facilities and available land.

We're looking at a range of ports that may be suitable to support the project.

We expect to use multiple ports during construction.

Barry Beach Marine Terminal and Port Anthony are good options for the long-term **Gippsland Operations Base**.

These already established commercial ports are close to the proposed wind farm site.



Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal (VRET)

PORT OF HASTINGS

- The Port of Hastings was required to refer the proposed Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal (VRET) to the Commonwealth Government under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.
- The decision, published on 5 January 2024, advised the proposal as referred would have unacceptable impacts on matters protected by the EPBC Act.
- The Port of Hastings Corporation is assessing the decision and considering their options.



Construction Feeder Ports

- No Australian Ports are set up for offshore wind yet
- We're still in an early planning stage with the ability to adapt
- Multiple ports are likely to be needed
- Star of the South will continue discussions with secondary port options and monitor progress at the Port of Hastings
- Remain engaged on all possibilities



Construction Management / O&M Port



BARRY BEACH MARINE TERMINAL / PORT ANTHONY

- Progressing plans to construct an operations port to support the offshore wind industry
- The ports are currently undertaking environmental studies and investigations and will shortly commence the necessary regulatory approvals processes
- There will be opportunities for community engagement to ensure participation of affected stakeholders, communities and interested parties and that their values, priorities and concerns are acknowledged and addressed
- On target to meet timeframes required by Star of the South



Break

What's been happening on the project

- **Events:**

Yarram Agricultural Show,
 Sea Days Festival – Port Welshpool,
 Middle of Everywhere Christmas Parade,
 Gippsland Jobs Expo – Moe,
 Stalls at MidValley Morwell and Gippsland Centre Sale,

- **Presentations:**

Lakes Entrance Rotary Club,
 Energy Infrastructure & Community Engagement
 Conference, Sydney – Paul,
 Offshore Wind Conference Australia – Erin and Charles
 panelists

- **Tour of Geelong Port**

- **Cultural Awareness Training** with GLaWAC

- **Launch of Implementation Statement 3**

- **Proposed expansion of Port of Hastings rejected**



What's coming up

Planet Wind screening – Tuesday 20 February

Events and presentations:

- Toora town triathlon family day –18 February
- Hunter New Energy Symposium in Newcastle- Erin 21 February
- Foster Ag Show - 24 February
- *Getting Involved in the New Energy Supply Chain* event- Sale 27 March
- Industry Capability Network (ICN) event in Melbourne for OFW suppliers and developers – 29 February

Minister may publicly declare feasibility licence holders in March or April



What's happening in the community

- Community updates
 - How do you want this format to run?
 - Nominated speakers?
- 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?



CAG annual survey results

22 respondents for our 10 questions – thank you, this provides important feedback towards our management of the CAG.

Key points:

- Members find the meeting content relevant and interesting and are satisfied with project team communication in between meetings.
- Members are generally happy with the Chairperson and the way meetings are run.
- In order, members prefer email, phone calls, SMS and finally the CAG Member Teams page for your communication from our project team.

Summarised feedback from you:

- The meetings are still working well, and the ability to join remotely when required is appreciated.
- Presenting and informing the CAG with a good mix of technical, environmental, social, cultural and economic updates should continue.
- We need to remain mindful that the CAG isn't a "friends of" group and we should stick to discussing relevant topics and be understanding to differing views.





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 – 4 April 2024 in Sale

Forward meeting schedule

Date	Location	Topic (tentative, subject to change)
4 April	Sale (Venue TBC)	Feasibility Licence
15 May	Yarram (Venue TBC)	(TBC)

Thank you for your participation