

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 #6 – 15 July 2021

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
 - Introductions
 - Apologies
2. Standing items and actions from previous meeting
 - Minutes
 - Declaration of potential conflicts
 - Previous questions taken on notice
3. What's happening on the project
4. What's happening in the community
 - Peter & Jess (5 min focus)
 - What else is happening in the community?
5. Guest speaker
 - Andrew Dyer, Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner
6. Break
7. Workshop
 - Getting the community engaged in the EIS/EES process
8. Other items
 - Other questions or feedback
 - Suggestions for future agenda items

Previous questions

- Carbon footprint of 15MW turbines (Jack)
- Noise impacts from turbine foundation piling for coastal communities (Allan)
- Onshore environmental impacts from the transmission line (Nikki)



What's happening on the project – looking back

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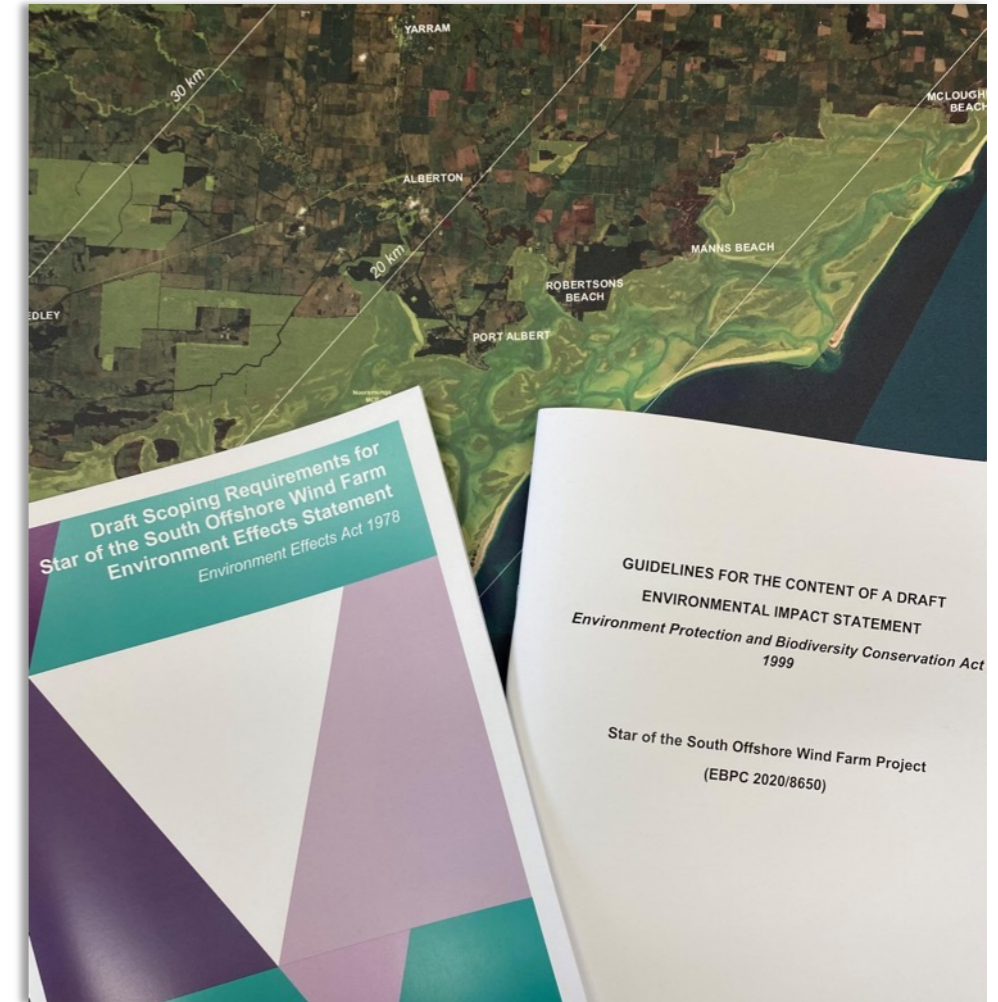
- Activities with local schools for Global Wind Day on 15 June
- Attended Woodside Landcare meeting with Nikki in June – thanks Nikki!
- Attended Gippsland Trades and Labour Council meeting with Peter today – thanks Pete!
- Participating in the Broadening Horizons program with Year 8 students from Yarram Secondary College - kicked off this week
- Put the spotlight on Gippsland through an interview on The Offshore Wind Podcast – positive feedback received globally
- Hired a Local Industry Development Manager – starting 9 August – we'll invite her to a future meeting
- Made representations to elected representatives and Federal Government agencies regarding the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill – timing still TBC



We're continuing to see strong local and global interest in Star of the South

What's happening on the project - current focus and look ahead

- Draft EIS/EES scopes open for public review and comment until 27 July – government led process
- [Media coverage of world first technology](#) we're using to understand bird flight patterns in and around the project area + a news item on WIN about community concerns about bird impacts
- Launch of a new Blue Economy CRC report into Offshore Wind Potential for Australia – 22 July – register to attend the webinar
- Industry presentations at the Australian Wind Energy Conference – 19 and 20 July at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre
- Attending the Woodside v Sale footy game on 7 August
- Participating in Science Week with Gippsland Tech on 18 August
- Planning for next project newsletter to go out in August and community consultation sessions in September/October



Our focus is supporting government's consultation process on the draft scopes and preparing for our next community information sessions in September

What's happening in the community

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- Peter – Morwell, ETU, GTLC (5 mins)
- Jess – Traralgon community (5 mins)
- Hot topics?
- Have you heard interest / questions / feedback about the project?
- Other projects, events and things happening locally?



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

Share what's happening in your community

Workshop questions

Q1. How can Star of the South help people be aware of understand and get involved in the EIS/EES preparation?

Q2. What can CAG members do to support community awareness and involvement?

Q3. What key topics/issues are of greatest interest in the community? Why do you think this is? What are you hearing?



We want to hear from you about how we can best engage on the EIS/EES and key areas of interest