

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 #7 – 25 August 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.

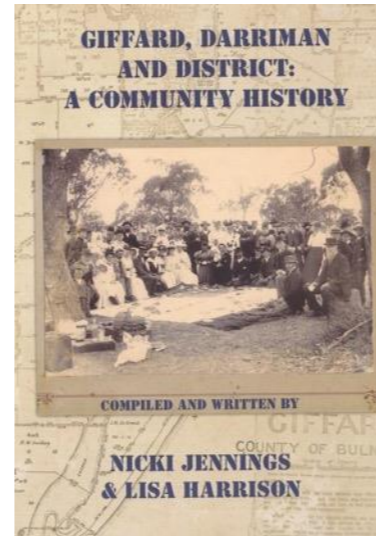
In particular, we recognise the Gunaikurnai people as Traditional Owners of the area in which the Star of the South would be located.

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - Introductions
 - Apologies
2. Standing items and actions from previous meeting
 - Minutes
 - Declaration of potential conflicts
3. What's happening on the project?
4. What's happening in the community?
 - Travis Dillow
 - Jenny Smith
5. Break
6. Focus on: Technical studies
 - David Hyett, Project Team
7. Other items
 - Other questions or feedback
 - Suggestions for future agenda items

What's happening on the project – looking back

- Newsletter distributed to 50,000 homes
- Launched consultation to seek community input to technical studies
- GROW Gippsland events
 - Aboriginal Business Forum
 - New Energy New Skills Forum
- Industry bulletin sent to registered businesses
- Consultation with local historical societies
- Noise monitoring underway
- Schools engagement - Broadening Horizons
- Blue Economy CRC report and industry panel
- We welcomed three new team members!



What's happening on the project – looking ahead

- Consultation! September community sessions postponed.
 - Webinar 2 September, Get Involved online portal, postal packs
- Discover Boating Showcase - 10-11 October
- Heesco Town Festival – 23-24 October
- Australian Wind Energy conference – postponed to October
- Yarram Agricultural Show – 20 November
- Field work continuing on land and sea to collect baseline data
- Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill - legislation proposed be tabled in Parliament during Spring



Get involved!



Help shape Australia's first offshore wind project

25 technical studies are getting underway to assess marine, environment, social, economic, heritage, health and visual aspects of the project.

We're seeking your feedback on these study topics. Which ones are important to you? Do you have local knowledge that could help inform these studies?

Here's how you can get involved. We look forward to hearing from you!

Webinar Q&A

Hear a presentation and have your questions answered by our team.

Thursday 2 September at 5pm.

Email us or register at starofthesouth.com.au

Get Involved online

Visit our Get Involved consultation website to share your feedback online. starofthesouth.com.au/getinvolved

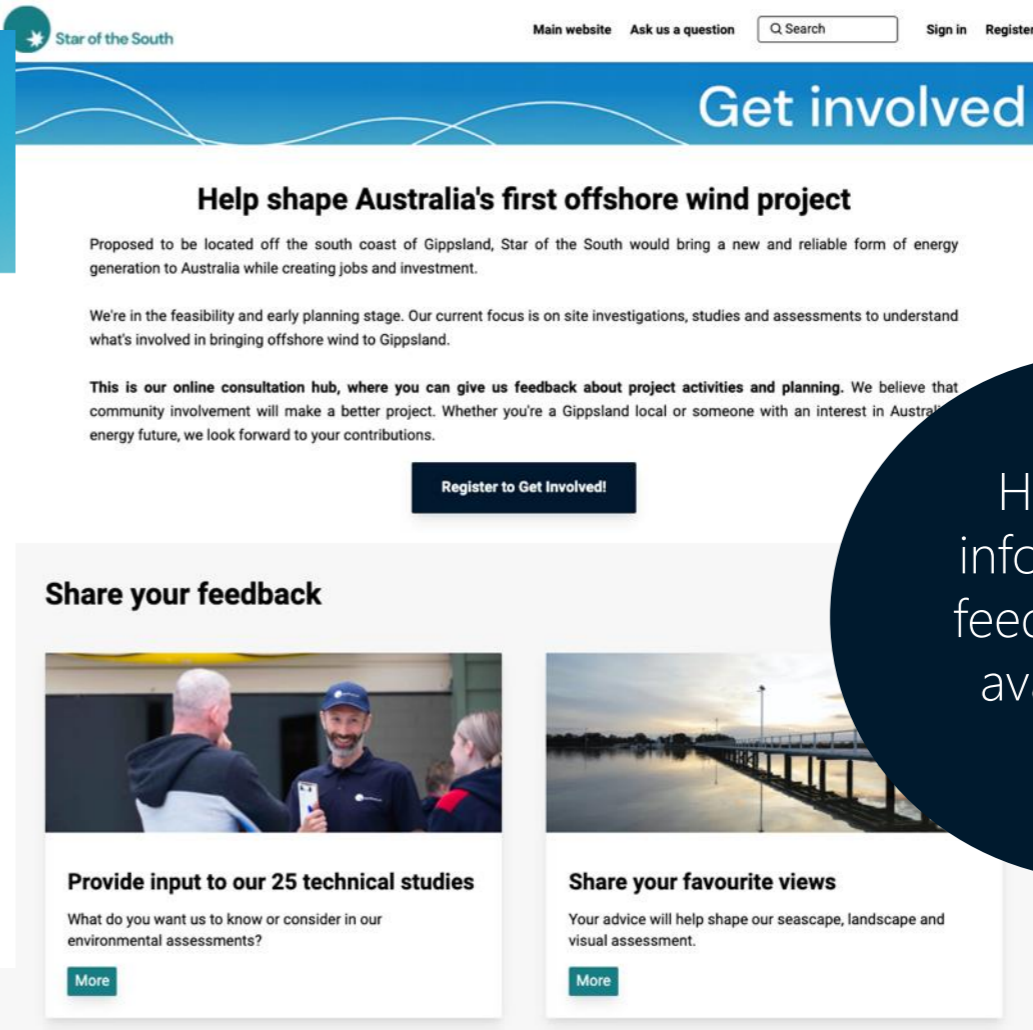
Request a postal feedback pack

We'll send you the latest information and a feedback form to complete and post back to us. Call 1800 340 340 to request a pack.



Community consultation sessions postponed

Our planned Gippsland consultation sessions are being rescheduled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We hope to be able to run these events in October. Keep an eye out for new dates.



Hard copy information & feedback pack available on request

Got a question?

Get in touch with us:

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 1800 340 340

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 Star of the South

 Star of the South Project

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There are lots of ways for people to get involved

What's happening in the community

- Travis – Woodside Beach (5 mins)
- Jenny Smith – Port Albert (5 mins)
- 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:

Technical studies

Preparing our environmental assessments

Where are we in the process?

Key steps in the environmental assessment processes



We started research and data collection in January 2020 – we're aiming for approval decisions in 2024

Preparing the EIS/EES – what's involved

Summary report

- Presents key information, simply
- ~20-30 pages

Main report

- Brings together information from all technical reports
- ~300-400 pages split into chapters/sections

Attachments: Technical reports x 25

- Technical study results and analysis
- ~100-500 pages per report, intended to be used by subject matter specialists

Our 2020-21 baseline environmental surveys will inform the technical reports

We'll also prepare fact sheets to explain key topics and findings



An EIS/EES is a robust assessment of a project's potential impacts (positive or negative)

About the technical studies



Heritage

- Aboriginal cultural heritage
- Historic heritage
- Maritime heritage



Amenity and health

- Air quality
- Electromagnetic interference
- Noise
- Seascape, landscape and visual
- Traffic and transport



Social and economic

- Agriculture
- Business and tourism
- Land use planning
- Social



Onshore environment

- Ecology
- Groundwater
- Soil and waste
- Surface water



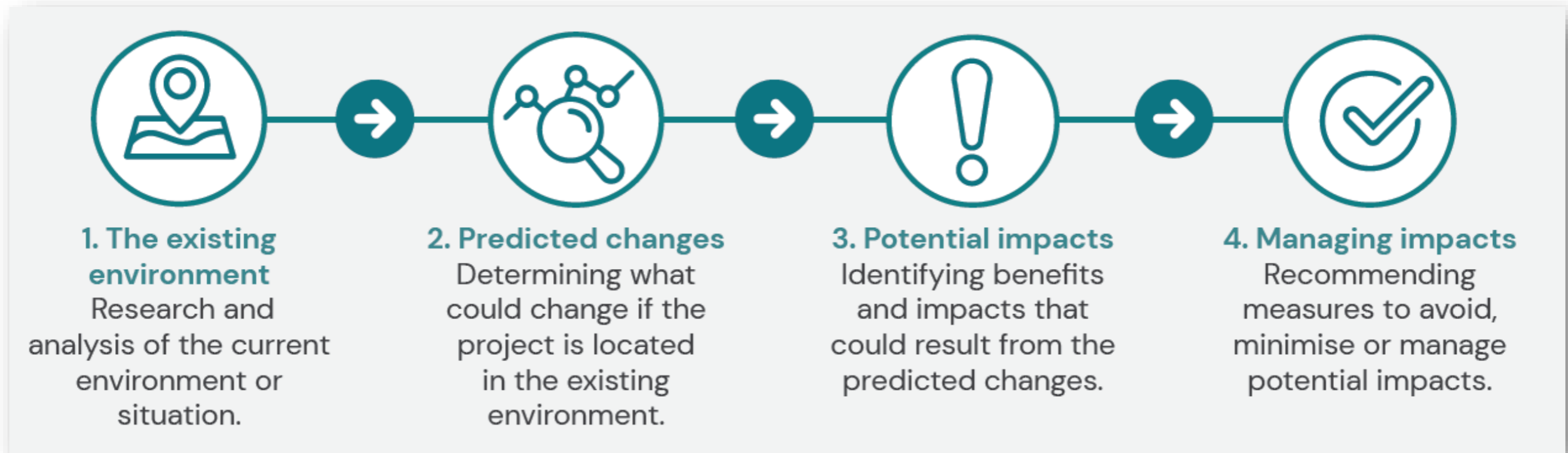
Marine environment

- Birds
- Coastal processes and sediment transport
- Ecology (benthic)
- Fish and invertebrates
- Fishing
- Infrastructure and co-existence with other users
- Marine mammals and turtles
- Marine protected areas
- Shipping and navigation



We're now onboarding specialists who will undertake these studies and document findings in technical reports

Understanding and assessing the project's effects



Many of our technical studies are informed by years of on-the-ground research and consultation

Addressing potential impacts

Steps to reducing impacts

- 1 Avoid** We'll always prioritise avoiding impacts. Avoiding impacts could involve changing construction methodologies or moving infrastructure away from important areas.
- 2 Minimise** We'll take actions to reduce the extent of an impact. Minimising impacts could include adjusting the project's design or phasing construction in a different way so it has less of an impact.
- 3 Manage or offset** We'll do this to mitigate unavoidable impacts. Managing or offsetting could include replacing, relocating or other measures to compensate for an impact.

Our assessment will identify potential impacts and measures to avoid, minimise or manage them