

## Businesses interested in Star of the South can register through our [ICN Gateway](#)

We use information about registered businesses to:

- Understand supply chain capabilities
- Identify suppliers when procuring goods and services
- Facilitate introductions between Australian and global companies
- Share with our consultants, suppliers and, down the track when they are appointed, our main contractors

## New legislation paves way for offshore electricity

New federal legislation to enable offshore electricity projects to be built and operated in Australia passed through parliament late last year. The [Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill 2021](#) provides a pathway for projects like Star of the South to be built and operated in federal waters.

## Victorian Government partnership

We've entered into a \$43.1 million partnership with the Victorian Government through the [Energy Innovation Fund](#) to progress work on key project activities and help kick-start a local offshore wind industry. This funding boost will support site investigations, transmission design, industry development and ongoing engagement with the community and stakeholders.



Our CEO Casper Frost Thorhauge (right) joined the Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews (left) and Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio (centre) for the funding announcement.

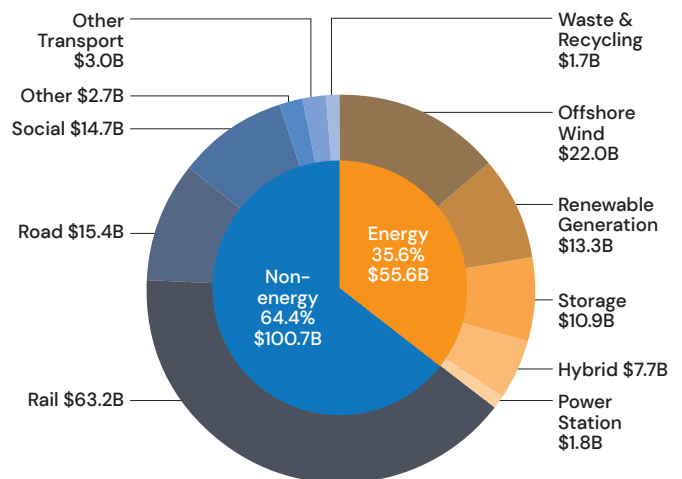
## Geotechnical investigations to kick off this year

After a successful Expression of Interest process run through our [ICN Gateway](#) last year, we're now finalising contracts for onshore geotechnical investigations. Keep an eye on our ICN Gateway for future Expression of Interest processes.

## Offshore wind investment surges in 2021

The [IPA Pipeline Report](#) for January 2022 shows energy continues to be a major driver of growth in the infrastructure investment pipeline. Regulatory and legislative reform to enable offshore wind helped add around \$22 billion of projects to the pipeline, with more expected this year.

## Value of projects in 2021 by asset class



Source: IPA Pipeline Report January 2022

## Planning for the future energy market

In its draft 2022 Integrated System Plan (ISP), the Australian Energy Market Operator anticipates a tripling of renewable capacity by 2030 and some 10,000 km of new transmission infrastructure. In [our submission](#) to the ISP, we set out the role offshore wind can play and highlight the importance of taking a triple bottom line approach to decision making to build social licence.

## Work experience for Gippsland student

We're excited to take part in Federation University's Fed Cadet Program, by offering a part-time paid Junior Analyst position on the project to a Gippsland-based student. This student will support our Industry Development team this year, while completing their studies at Federation University.

### Hear from our team

2021 was a big year for the project and offshore wind in Australia. We're looking forward to another exciting year ahead and are growing our team to progress Australia's first offshore wind project. [Watch a video to hear from our team](#) about what we're proud to have achieved last year.

## GROWing local jobs

We've teamed up with [GROW Gippsland](#) to help boost local jobs. GROW Gippsland is a collaborative program with business, government, community organisations and individuals working together to build a stronger local economy. We recently completed an Action Plan which sets out how we'll add value to the region through local and social procurement.



## Industry events

We look forward to getting involved in a range of industry events this year.

- [Australian Offshore Wind Conference](#) – 5 April
- [Smart Energy Conference and Exhibition 2022](#) – 4 May
- [Engineers Australia Victoria Division – Gippsland Regional Group](#) – 5 May
- [Energy Week](#) – 8 June
- [Australian Wind Energy 2022](#) – 25-26 July

We'll also be introducing Melbournians to the world of offshore wind at [Melbourne Knowledge Week 2022](#) where we'll host an event: 'Discover the power of offshore wind'.

## Supplier profile – Gippsland Printers

Gippsland Printers, based in the Latrobe Valley, have been providing high-quality printing services to the project for over three years. They've printed newsletters, business cards, banners, fact sheets, posters, maps and more. The team at Gippsland Printers are great to work with – efficient, friendly and no job is too big or small.



*"Star of the South chose us for their printing needs, including newsletters and factsheets. As we entered the uncertain times of the COVID-19 lockdown, printing Star of the South's community newsletter allowed us to keep an extra four staff on to complete the work and add certainty to our business"*

– Nathan Scurrah, Owner and Manager, Gippsland Printers.