



Recreational fishing

Can I continue fishing in the offshore wind farm?

Yes, offshore wind and recreational fishing can work well together. If Star of the South gets the green light to go ahead, we want to share the waters.

Can I continue fishing from Ninety Mile Beach?

Yes, you'll still be able to throw a line from Ninety Mile Beach.

Can I fish in the area during construction?

For everyone's safety you'd need to keep clear of construction activities and vessels – just as you'd do with a construction site on land.

Will anchoring be allowed?

Cables would be buried but there's still a risk of snagging anchors. For this reason, anchoring is typically avoided along cable routes unless it's needed in an emergency.

How close to the turbines would I be able to fish?

A safety buffer will be needed around turbines to protect people and avoid damage to boats and turbines. We'd like to hear from anglers who fish in the area – what do you think a safe distance is?



Block Island Offshore Wind Farm, Rhode Island, USA. Photo by Neil Ever Osborne

What do they do in other countries with offshore wind?

It's common for recreational fishing to continue in offshore wind farms overseas. Safety measures that've been used in the UK and USA are:

- 500 m safety zones around construction activities
- 50 m safety zones around operating turbines
- Avoiding anchoring in offshore wind farms unless it's an emergency.

How much space is there between turbines?

We're looking at minimum spacing of 820 m with most turbines around 1 km apart.

Who's the responsible regulator?

The Offshore Infrastructure Regulator sits within NOPSEMA. They're responsible for regulating offshore infrastructure activities in Commonwealth waters under the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act.

How will I know where turbines and cables are located?

Turbines and cables would be labelled on charts. Each turbine would be numbered and lit with navigation lighting.

Can Star of the South support recreational fishing?

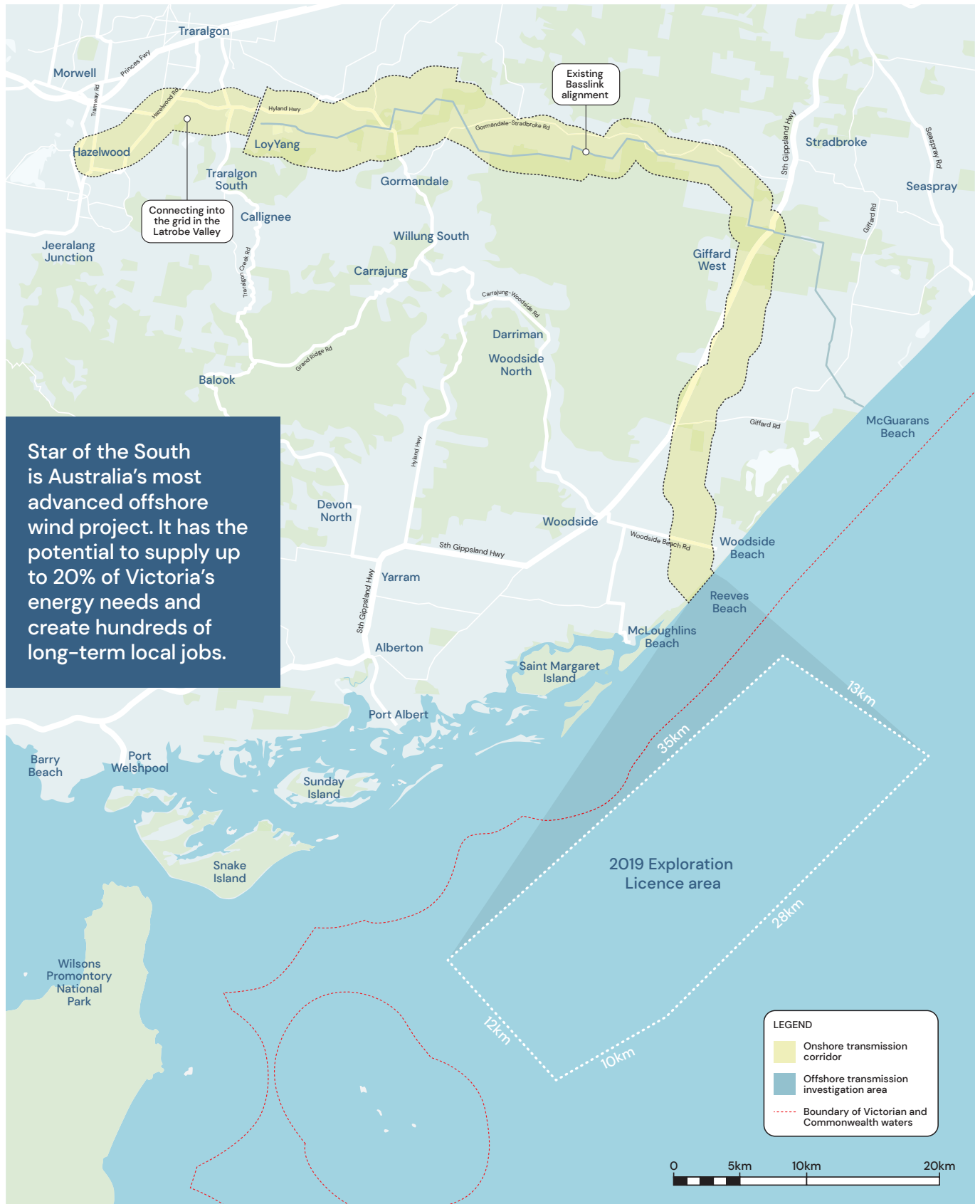
Turbine foundations can create new habitat and attract fish. We'd also like to work with local anglers to help make fishing even better. Tell us your ideas.

Do you fish off the Gippsland coast?



Tell us more and share ideas for how we can work together at getinvolved.starofthesouth.com.au

Star of the South – proposed project area



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We acknowledge people of the Gunaikurnai nation as the original custodians of country and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We pay respect to elders past and present.

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