MAJOR PROJECT STATUS APPLICATION FORM

Major projects with a capital investment of over \$50 million that are facing complex regulatory challenges may be eligible to apply for Major Project Status (MPS).

The Minister for Industry and Science (the Minister) makes the decision to award a project with major project status. These are projects of national significance through their contribution to:

- strategic priorities
- economic growth
- employment
- regional Australia

Projects with MPS will receive tailored support and coordinated facilitation services to assist project developers to navigate Australian Government regulatory approvals.

Projects must have completed at least a pre-feasibility study to apply for MPS. Additionally, the Company, its directors and officers must at all times be each a fit and proper person to conduct a Project in order for the Project to be eligible to apply for, and retain MPS.

Please ensure that your application consists of sufficient information to outline the type and nature of your project, and demonstrate how it meets the MPS application eligibility criteria.

How we handle your application information

The Major Projects Facilitation Agency (MPFA) is bound by the Australian Privacy Principles in the <u>Privacy Act 1988</u>, which regulates how agencies collect, use, disclose and store personal information, including sensitive information, and how individuals may access and correct records containing their personal information.

Personal information you provide will be collected by the MPFA to carry out its functions including to communicate with you about your application, and to conduct due diligence and consultation on your application with other government agencies and regulators. Your information may also be used to invite participation in opportunities to contribute to the development of Australian Government policy or regulation as relevant to your project, and to notify you of other government programs and services opportunities.

Confidential information

MPFA will treat the information provided as sensitive and therefore confidential if it meets <u>all</u> of the following conditions:

- the proponent clearly identifies the information as confidential;
- the information is commercially sensitive;
- disclosing the information would cause unreasonable harm to the proponent or someone else; and
- the proponent provides the information on the understanding that it will stay confidential.

To help assess MPS applications and deliver services to the proponent effectively, the MPFA may disclose confidential information to:

- the Australian government employees and contractors;
- other Australian or State or Territory government departments and agencies;
- the responsible Minister or Assistant Minister;
- members of a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament; or
- organisations with the proponent's express consent.

The MPFA may also disclose confidential information in circumstances where:

- required or authorised by law to disclose it;
- the proponent agrees to the information being disclosed; or
- someone other than the MPFA has made the confidential information public.

To discuss confidentiality matters around the project further, please contact the MPFA at MPFA@industry.gov.au

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How to complete this form and submit your application

Reference Material

- 1. MPFA website
- 2. Major Project Status (MPS) Guidelines
- 3. Major Projects Help Tool
- 4. Regulatory fact sheets to assist in your self-assessment
- Any questions contact your case manager or email MPFA@industry.gov.au

Pre-Lodgement

Complete the online Major Projects Help Tool to determine Australian Government regulatory approvals that apply to each of your Projects at: https://business.gov.au/expertise-and-advice/major-projects-facilitation-agency/help-tool.

<u>Note:</u> Save a copy of your Major Projects Help Tool results as it will be considered as supporting documentation linked with Criterion 2 of your application.

Step One

Read the Major Project Status Guidelines provided with this form before commencing.

Step Two: DRAFT Major Project Status Application

Complete one Application Form for each Project seeking Major Project Status (MPS).

The Application Form is divided into three sections:

- 1. Proponent and Project information
- 2. MPS Application Eligibility Criteria
- 3. Declaration

Email your completed **DRAFT Major Project Status Application form** and **supporting documentation** to <u>MPFA@industry.gov,au</u> and cc your Case Manager.

Your Case Manager will provide feedback on your draft application, and the process to submit your formal application to the Minister for MPS consideration.

Step Three: FORMAL Major Project Status Application

When your **Formal Major Project Status Application** is ready for submission to the Minister, your case manager will provide a letter template to complete and submit to the Minister, with your application form attached. The letter template should be formatted to apply your company letter head and corporate style guide.

Do not submit your Supporting Documentation as part of your lodgement to the Minister.

Supporting Documentation

To enable a timely and thorough assessment of your application, ensure all claims or statements made in the application form are supported by documentary evidence.

Refer to each of the 'Supporting Documentation' sections throughout the form, as well as the 'Supporting Documentation Checklist' at Appendix A.

Note: Where required, ensure all confidential information provided is marked accordingly in the:

- document title (when emailing);
- header and footer of the document; and
- 'Supporting Documentation Checklist' at Appendix A

When emailing supporting documentation:

- limit total volume of attachments per email to 10MB.
- Acceptable file formats include, .doc, .docx, .pdf, .ppt, .xls, .xlsx
- Contact your case manager if you need to transfer and upload attachments via alternate file/transfer methods.



From: s 22

Subject: FW: BlueFloat Energy - Gippsland Dawn OWP - Major Project Status [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Date: Tuesday, 12 November 2024 3:13:00 PM

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Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 10:56 AM

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Subject: RE: BlueFloat Energy - Gippsland Dawn OWP - Major Project Status [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s 22

At this stage, unfortunately not. Whilst we are very supportive of the renewables agenda, the department is required to meet an incredible amount of statutory deadlines on the complete range of projects referred under the EPBC Act. Efficient resourcing towards these deadlines also need to be prioritised.

We are undertaking considerable engagement with the proponent at present to progress many aspects of their overall project, and will continue to do so as needs arise.

Regards

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Sent: Friday, 8 November 2024 11:39 AM

Subject: RE: BlueFloat Energy - Gippsland Dawn OWP - Major Project Status [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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I did have one question, \$ 22.

With respect to validation, is there any opportunity to prioritise BlueFloat's application?

The MPFA respects DCCEEW's processes (as indeed we have our own) and we have no wish to compromise them, but in our role as major project facilitators it's a question we at least need to ask.

Regards,

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OFFICIAL

Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 8:16 AM

To: S 22 <S 22 @industry.gov.au>

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[SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hellos 22

Nice to e-meet you.

Gippsland Dawn's geophysical / geotechnical referral is currently sitting in the DCCEEW Referral Gateway pending validation. This process can take anywhere between 4-8 weeks, depending on the current load in the gateway.

Once the referral is validated, a 20 business day clock commences for the referral decision phase. Any potential delays may include if the department is required to seek further information from the proponent to fill in any data / knowledge gaps, and depends largely on how well the proponent has addressed the potential impacts created by the action.

Until such time the assessment officer is able to thoroughly assess the documentation provided, it will be unknown if a request for further information is required.

Depending on the decision made by the delegate, there may also need to be an extension of time to allow for appropriate consultation with both the proponent, and our internal regulatory support team if particular manners need to be applied to the project. This has the potential to

extend that 20 business day timeframe also.

We will continue to liaise as normal with the proponent throughout the process.

I hope this information on process helps.

With kind regards

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Assistant Director

Nature Positive Regulation Division | Environment Assessments (Vic,Tas) and Post Approvals Branch | VicTas Assessments

Kuarna Country, 60 King William Street, Adelaide SA, GPO Box 3090 ACT 2601

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PS 22 | ES 22 @dcceew.gov.au

DCCEEW.gov.au ABN 63 573 932 849



From: S 22 <S 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 6 November 2024 6:11 PM

Subject: BlueFloat Energy - Gippsland Dawn OWP - Major Project Status [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi s 22

I was given your name by \$ 22 of BlueFloat, and I was wondering if you could help me with a query.

Minister Husic assigned Major Project Status to the GDOWP on 10 October and the MPFA is working with BlueFloat to help navigate various Australian government approvals.

I understand that an application by BlueFloat for a change of proponent on their EPBC referral was recently approved and that BlueFloat lodged a referral for their geophysical and geotechnical surveys on 17 October. (application number 02556).

We appreciate that DCCEEW's workload is heavy, but I was wondering if you're able to offer any

insight into when their geophysical / geotechnical application might be reviewed?

The timing of the review will have an influence on the company's project plan and timelines as I understand weather conditions in Bass Straight are inclined to be suboptimal after about Q1 and don't really improve until the latter part of next year.

I'd appreciate any advice you might be able to offer.

Thanks, and regards.

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I Case Manager

Sovereign Capability and Supply Chains Division | Australian Industry Participation Authority and Major Projects Facilitation Agency | Major Projects Facilitation Section

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From: \$ 22 To: \$ 22

Subject: Re: Major Projects Facilitation Agency introduction [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Date: Thursday, 31 October 2024 1:49:46 PM

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Correct. At this point in time....

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Head, Environment and Planning

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S 22 @bluefloat.com

From: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 1:31:28 PM **To:S 22** @bluefloat.com>

Subject: RE: Major Projects Facilitation Agency introduction [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks, \$ 22

So this is more an OIR licence condition than a DCCEEW requirement?

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From: \$ 22 @bluefloat.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 10:25 AM

To: S 22 @industry.gov.au>

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Thanks! Their key role at this point is that they are a mandatory consultee for the management plan process. Keen to understand what their interests are! See the attached.

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Head, Environment and Planning

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s 22 @bluefloat.com

From: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 1:21:56 PM **To:**@bluefloat.com>

Subject: FW: Major Projects Facilitation Agency introduction [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi S 22

FYI – I'm talking to BOM tomorrow as per below.

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From: **S** 22

Subject: RE: Major Projects Facilitation Agency introduction [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks for responding.

I'm available to meet with \$ 22 tomorrow from about 11am Perth time.

Yes, I am Perth based but I work from home on Fridays so Teams is the best option.

It's worth noting that I'm starting from a zero base with BOM's function in relation to DCCEEW EPBC approvals for offshore wind so I'm hoping \$ 22 can help me on this.

Thanks again,

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From: S 22 @bom.gov.au> Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2024 9:39 AM

To: @industry.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Major Projects Facilitation Agency introduction [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good morning \$ 22

Thank you for reaching out, my name is \$ 22 and I am \$ 22 Executive Assistant. \$ 22 would like to have a catch up with you ahead of the meeting next Wednesday, how are you place tomorrow (Friday 1st Nov) from 12pm AEDT onwards? I gather from your email signature that you are Perth based, is that correct? I am Melbourne based hence noting time in AEDT, but I am able to make any time tomorrow work on our end. If tomorrow is not suitable for you, are you available on Monday 4th Nov?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

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Executive Assistant

s 22 , General Manager – Aviation, Land & Maritime Transport

S 22 General Manager – Energy and Resources

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The Bureau of Meteorology acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community.

My main workplace is on Wurundjeri Country.

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From: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2024 4:42 PM

To:S 22 @bom.gov.au>

Cc: S 22 @bluefloat.com>;S 22

@industry.gov.au>

Subject: Major Projects Facilitation Agency introduction [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi **s 22**

s 22 of BlueFloat Energy has provided your email address and I just wanted to introduce myself to you.

Following Minister Husic's decision to grant Major Project Status to the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project, the Major Projects Facilitation Agency is now working with BlueFloat Energy to assist them in navigating the range of regulatory approvals they will need for the project.

My understanding is that DCCEEW requires BlueFloat to consult with the Bureau of Meteorology as part of its EPBC referral assessment protocols.

If you're amenable, would it be possible to sit in on your meeting with BlueFloat next Wednesday?

Best regards,

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Senior Project Officer I Case Manager

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- (b) in the management plan for the licence, address the outcomes of this consultation.
- (a) the licence is a feasibility licence;
- (b) the licence is granted in respect of the declared area or any part of the declared area

The licence holder must:

- (a) in preparing a management plan for the licence, consult the following:
 - (i) the Bureau of Meteorology;
 - (ii) the Director of National Parks;
 - (iii)the Australian
 Maritime Safety
 Authority;
 - (iv)titleholders of any existing petroleum or greenhouse gas titles issued under the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 whose title area overlaps with the licence area; and
- (b) in the management plan for the licence, address the outcomes of this consultation.
- (a) the licence is a feasibility licence;

The licence holder must:

(a) in preparing a management

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES

MS23-001986

To: Minister for Industry and Science (For Decision)

MAJOR PROJECT STATUS APPLICATION – GIPPSLAND DAWN OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT (BLUEFLOAT)

Timing: Routine

Recommendations:	That	you
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 Approve awarding of Major Project Status (MPS) for the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project (the Project) (see assessment at <u>Attachment A</u>).

Approved Not approved

2. If MPS is approved, **sign** and **date** letters to BlueFloat Energy (the Proponent), relevant Commonwealth Ministers and the Victorian State Premier (see **Attachment B**).

Signed Not signed

If MPS is approved, agree to the department working with your office to draft a media release.

Minister:

Comments

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Agreed Not Agreed

Date: 10 10

Clearing Officer:	s 22	General Manager, Industry Participation and Major Projects Facilitation	Ph: s 22 Mob:s 22
Contact Officer:	s 22	Manager, Major Projects Facilitation Agency	Mob:s 22
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Sensitivities and Handling:

9. NIL

Data referenced:

10. Refer to the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project MPFA application assessment at Attachment A.

Consultation: YES

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ATTACHMENTS:

- A: Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project MPFA application assessment
- **B:** Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project approval letters

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THE HON ED HUSIC MP MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

MS23-001986

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Head, Environment and Planning BlueFloat Energy The Commons 11 Wilson Street SOUTH YARRA VIC 3141

10 OCT 2024

Dear S 22

Thank you for BlueFloat Energy's application seeking Major Project Status (MPS) for the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project to be located in the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Declared Area off Gippsland, Victoria.

I am pleased to advise I have granted MPS for your project for an initial period of three years from the date of this letter. My decision to grant MPS recognises the national significance of the Project to Australia's development of an offshore renewable energy industry and energy transition to net zero. With the awarding of MPS, the Major Projects Facilitation Agency (MPFA) will assign you a case manager to work with you and assist you to navigate government approvals processes.

I have also written to the Hon Jacinta Allan, Premier of Victoria, and several of my ministerial colleagues advising them of this decision and to encourage their assistance with your Project. Please note, the awarding of MPS does not imply Australian Government endorsement of your project or guarantee its commercial success. Your project still needs to meet the requirements of the relevant Australian and Victorian Government regulatory, grant or funding approval processes. MPS is subject to a requirement that the Proponent, its directors and officers continue to be fit and proper persons in compliance with the responsibilities of the Project.

The MPFA will be in contact with you regarding next steps. I wish you well in your endeavours.

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Ed Husic MP



MS23-001986

The Hon Jacinta Allan MP Premier of Victoria 1 Treasury Place MELBOURNE VIC 3000

10 OCT 2024

Dear Premier Jatima

I am writing to inform you of my decision to award Major Project Status (MPS) to the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project being developed by BlueFloat Energy.

The Project is an A\$8.14 billion offshore wind powered electricity generation project to be located in the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Declared Area off Gippsland, Victoria. The Project will supply 2.1 gigawatts of sustainably generated electricity for connection to the National Electricity Market via shared infrastructure to be developed by VicGrid.

My decision to grant MPS recognises the national significance of the Project to Australia's development of an offshore renewable energy industry and energy transition to net zero. MPS for the Project is valid for a three-year period, where the Major Projects Facilitation Agency will assist the Proponent to navigate government approvals processes.

MPS does not imply Australian Government endorsement of the Project or guarantee its commercial success. The Project is still required to meet the requirements of relevant regulatory, grant or funding approval processes.

I have also written to a number of my ministerial colleagues regarding this decision and to encourage their assistance with this Project.

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MS23-001986

The Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

10 OCT 2024

Dear Minister Madeliene

I am writing to inform you of my decision to award Major Project Status (MPS) to the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project being developed by BlueFloat Energy. MPS recognises the strategic significance of the Project to Australia and alignment with Commonwealth Government priorities. The Project requires regulatory considerations under legislation within your portfolio of responsibilities.

The Project is an offshore wind powered electricity generation project to be located in the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Declared Area in the Bass Straight off Gippsland, Victoria. The Project will supply 2.1 gigawatts of sustainably generated electricity for connection to the National Electricity Market via shared infrastructure to be developed by VicGrid. The Project will create approximately 348 ongoing jobs.

My decision to grant MPS acknowledges the Project's contribution to new investment and Australia's transition to net zero. MPS is valid for an initial three-year period, throughout which the Major Projects Facilitation Agency (MPFA) will facilitate and coordinate services for the Proponent and assist them to navigate government approvals processes. I ask that regulators work collaboratively with the Proponent and the MPFA to enable timely regulatory consideration of the Project.

MPS does not imply Australian Government endorsement of the Project or guarantee its commercial success. The Project is still required to meet the requirements of relevant regulatory, grant or funding approval processes.

The Proponent has identified the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act and the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Storage Act as relevant for this project.

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MS23-001986

The Hon Chris Bowen MP Minister for Climate Change and Energy Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

10 OCT 2024

Dear Minister

I am writing to inform you of my decision to award Major Project Status (MPS) to the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project being developed by BlueFloat Energy. MPS recognises the strategic significance of the Project to Australia and alignment with Commonwealth Government priorities. The Project requires regulatory considerations under legislation within your portfolio of responsibilities.

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The Proponent has identified the *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act* and the *Sea Installations Act* as relevant for this project.





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10 OCT 2024

The Hon Catherine King MP Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister Comme

I am writing to inform you of my decision to award Major Project Status (MPS) to the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project being developed by BlueFloat Energy. MPS recognises the strategic significance of the Project to Australia and alignment with Commonwealth Government priorities. The Project requires regulatory considerations under legislation within your portfolio of responsibilities.

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The Proponent has identified the *Navigation Act*, the *Marine Safety Act*, the *Civil Aviation Act* and the Heavy Vehicle National Law as relevant for this project.

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MS23-001986

The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP Minister for the Environment and Water Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

10 OCT 2024

Dear Minister

I am writing to inform you of my decision to award Major Project Status (MPS) to the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project being developed by BlueFloat Energy. MPS recognises the strategic significance of the Project to Australia and alignment with Commonwealth Government priorities. The Project requires regulatory considerations under legislation within your portfolio of responsibilities.

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The Proponent has identified the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act, the Underwater Cultural Heritage Act and the Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act as relevant for this project.

Yours sincerely

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MS23-001986

The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP Attorney-General Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

10 OCT 2024



I am writing to inform you of my decision to award Major Project Status (MPS) to the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project being developed by BlueFloat Energy, MPS recognises the strategic significance of the Project to Australia and alignment with Commonwealth Government priorities. The Project requires regulatory considerations under legislation within your portfolio of responsibilities.

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MPS does not imply Australian Government endorsement of the Project or guarantee its commercial success. The Project is still required to meet the requirements of relevant regulatory, grant or funding approval processes.

The Proponent has identified the Native Title Act as relevant for this project.

Yours sincerely



MS23-001986

The Hon Tony Burke MP Minister for Home Affairs Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600 10 OCT 2024

Dear Minister

I am writing to inform you of my decision to award Major Project Status (MPS) to the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project being developed by BlueFloat Energy. MPS recognises the strategic significance of the Project to Australia and alignment with Commonwealth Government priorities. The Project requires regulatory considerations under legislation within your portfolio of responsibilities.

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MPS does not imply Australian Government endorsement of the Project or guarantee its commercial success. The Project is still required to meet the requirements of relevant regulatory, grant or funding approval processes.

The Proponent has identified the Customs Act, the Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act and the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act as relevant for this project.

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MS23-001986

The Hon Michelle Rowland MP Minister for Communications Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

10 OCT 2024

Dear Minister Whebelle

I am writing to inform you of my decision to award Major Project Status (MPS) to the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project being developed by BlueFloat Energy. MPS recognises the strategic significance of the Project to Australia and alignment with Commonwealth Government priorities. The Project requires regulatory considerations under legislation within your portfolio of responsibilities.

The Project is an offshore wind powered electricity generation project to be located in the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Declared Area in the Bass Straight off Gippsland, Victoria. The Project will supply 2.1 gigawatts of sustainably generated electricity for connection to the National Electricity Market via shared infrastructure to be developed by VicGrid. The Project will create approximately 348 ongoing jobs.

My decision to grant MPS acknowledges the Project's contribution to new investment and Australia's transition to net zero. MPS is valid for an initial three-year period, throughout which the Major Projects Facilitation Agency (MPFA) will facilitate and coordinate services for the Proponent and assist them assist them to navigate government approvals processes. I ask that regulators work collaboratively with the Proponent and the MPFA to enable timely regulatory consideration of the Project.

MPS does not imply Australian Government endorsement of the Project or guarantee its commercial success. The Project is still required to meet the requirements of relevant regulatory, grant or funding approval processes.

The Proponent has identified the *Telecommunications Act* and the *Radiocommunications Act* as relevant for this project.



From: \$ 22 To: \$ 22 \$ 22

Subject: FW: BlueFloat Energy - Gippsland project [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Date: Wednesday, 17 July 2024 12:51:17 PM

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See the OIR feasibility licence letter for Bluefloat attached as an example of DCCEEW's advice to the proponent.

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From: \$ 22 @bluefloat.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 11:02 AM

To: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>

Cc: ²² @industry.gov.au>; S 22 @industry.gov.au>;

MPFA <MPFA@industry.gov.au>

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Hi**s 22**

Please find a copy of our licence, which we formally received this morning.

Looking forward to the next steps!

Regards

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Head, Environment and Planning

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s 22 @bluefloat.com

From: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 1:43 PM

To: \$ 22

Cc: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>; \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>;

MPFA < MPFA@industry.gov.au >

Subject: RE: BlueFloat Energy - Gippsland project [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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His 22

My apologies, but I just want to double check something with you.

I noted that the legal entity that Minster Bowen awarded the licence for is *Gippsland Dawn OWP Project Pty Ltd* (CAN 662 232 895), which is different to the *Greater Gippsland OWP Project Pty Ltd as trustee for Greater Gippsland OWP Project Trust*, which was the legal entity for the GGOWP MPS application.

I'm presuming the latter was the same entity for Bluefloat's unsuccessful GGOWP feasibility licence application?

In our email exchange of 13-14 May, we talked about the two projects being materially the same in all respects and that Gippsland Dawn is substantively identical to the project described in the GGOWP MPS application excepting the minor locational change and the very minor change in the total licence area and the water depth range.

Can you confirm that in all other respects the projects are identical and that the all other details included in your GGOWP MPS application are the same for Gippsland Dawn?

Sorry if this sounds a bit bureaucratic, but in preparing to resubmit the project to the Minister, we need to tick all the boxes to minimise the chances of it being queried.

Thanks,

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From: \$ 22 @bluefloat.com>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 8:54 AM

To: S 22 @industry.gov.au>

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Formal offer as per attached.

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From: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 10:47 AM

To: S 22 @bluefloat.com>

Subject: RE: BlueFloat Energy - Gippsland project [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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I think we're all ok for information at this stage, \$ 22

Is the formal approval notification something you're able to share with us?

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From: \$ 22 @bluefloat.com>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 8:34 AM

To: S 22 @industry.gov.au>

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Excellent. Let me know if you need more information.

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From: § 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 10:31 AM

To:S 22 @bluefloat.com>

Cc: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>; \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>;

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His 22,

Good news, congratulations!

We will re-engage with Minister Husic's office, and I'll keep you posted accordingly.

Best regards,

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I hope all is well.

Just letting you know what we have now been formally offered a licence for our Gippsland Dawn project. Can you pls advise what the next steps are from your end?

Thanks

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Head, Environment and Planning

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From:s 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 4:58 PM

To:^{5 22} @bluefloat.com>

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A few updates to the table below with the licence area, water depth and energy yield.

Let me know if that changes the commentary below. Please also note the new project entity

Greater Gippsland 2 OWP Project Pty Ltd (ACN 662 232 895) as trustee for the Greater Gippsland 2 OWP Project Trust ABN 76 935 672 595

Regards

	Gippsland Dawn	Greater Gippsland (original site)		
Total licence area	470 km2	474 km2		
Total capacity	2.1 GW	2.1 GW		
Water depth range	32 to 53 m	23 m to 53 m		
	The wind speed, net capacity factor and energy yield for the revised licence area			
Energy yield	are substantially similar to those for the original licence area ~8.83m/s to			
	~8.3m/s	~8.3m/s		
Wind turbines	140 x 15 MW wind turbines			
	Pin piled jackets (base case) Monopiles, suction bucket jackets, and concrete gravity base foundations are also considered. Final concept selection will be made after completion of the offshore geophysical / geotechnical campaigns.			
Foundation type				
Electrical concept (base case)	Up to 4x offshore substations. Current base case voltages are 66kV for the array cables and 330kV for the offshore export cables. The positioning of this infrastructure will change slightly, to reflect the new site boundary and new wind turbine positions. This will slightly change the lengths of the array and export cables, but the overall base case technical concept remains the same. There is no change to the base case cable landfall location (north of Seaspray). Other alternatives further north will also be investigated during the feasibility licence period to confirm the best location. The land fall is also subject to VicGrids activities in the siting of the new connection hub(s) https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/vicgrid/offshore-wind-transmission			

Transport and installation	No significant changes compared to the original feasibility licence application. To be	
concept	investigated further during the feasibility licence period.	



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From: s 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:05 AM

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Thanks very much, s 22

Congratulations on the pending licence.

There's no need for a new separate MPS application for the GGOWP2 location considering that all other details are substantially the same. We will append a file note to the original application noting the change in location.

The MPFA is supportive of Bluefloat's application, but I reiterate my earlier point that the decision to award MPS sits with the Minister and we are unable to provide any insight as to when the announcement will be made.

Thanks again,

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Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 8:10 AM

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Thanks for this. A few clarifications as follows:

- 1. Bluefloat originally submitted two feasibility licence applications to OIR for offshore wind projects off the Gippsland Coast, notionally termed GGOWP1 and GGOWP2. Correct
- 2. GGOWP1 related to the area on the map you've included below and is identified as Blue Mackerel North, whereas GGOWP2 refers to the green site you've circled and identified as Greater Gippsland. GG1 was notionally located in an area and overlapped the area where Blue Mackerel and Auroa Green are located. GG2 is the circled site.
- 3. You were unsuccessful in getting the licence for GGOWP1 but have been successful with GGOWP2. The GGOWP1 submission is what you also submitted to the MPFA for MPS consideration. The Minister for Energy has advised of his intention to award a licence a licence for GG2 pending the Commonwealth Governments consultation with Traditional Owners. This is expected to be concluded by the end of the May with licences issued in June. The location of the project is a consequence of resolving an overlap with another project. The name of the project is Gippsland Dawn, with a different ownership entity (separate entity's were required for each feasibility licence application).
- 4. Aside from the different location, both licence applications are identical, and you were querying if MPFA would simply amend the existing MPS application to reflect the new location, with all other elements remaining the same. Both applications are substantially the same apart from its location and the associated export cable route.

The new location and coordinates are shown in the figure below (happy to provide shapefiles if easier). The site is approximately 40km from the GG1 site, within Area 1 of the declared Gippsland zone.

The table below provdies a comparison between the 2 projects.

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	Fixed foundations:		
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Foundation type	Monopiles, suction bucket jackets, and concrete gravity base foundations are also		
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	wind-transmission		
Transport and installation	No significant changes compared to	the original feasibility licence application. To be	
concept	investigated further during the feasibility licence period.		

Let know if you need anything else. Look forward to hearing from you. \\

Regards

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From: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:44 PM

To:s 22 @bluefloat.com>

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Subject: RE: Gippsland coast offshore wind producers - AFR article [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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His 22.

Thanks for talking with me just now. As I mentioned, here is my understanding of what we discussed:

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- 2. GGOWP1 related to the area on the map you've included below and is identified as Blue Mackerel North, whereas GGOWP2 refers to the green site you've circled and identified as Greater Gippsland.
- 3. You were unsuccessful in getting the licence for GGOWP1 but have been successful with GGOWP2. The GGOWP1 submission is what you also submitted to the MPFA for MPS consideration.
- 4. Aside from the different location, both licence applications are identical, and you were querying if MPFA would simply amend the existing MPS application to reflect the new location, with all other elements remaining the same.

Can you please confirm that my understanding is correct?

While I'll defer to the manager of MPFA, s 22 , on this I expect that we can continue with the original application and incorporate a file note detailing the change in location accordingly.

Can you please provide the area coordinates for the new location, including its dimensions and distance from the original Blue Mackerel location? Also, please include information on any significant details like project landfall if it is appropriate?

Thanks again and hope to talk again soon.

Best regards,

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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 1:18 PM

To: ©industry.gov.au>

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I hope all is well.

We were advised last week of Minister Bowens intention to grant a feasibility licence subject to consultation with traditional owners for our Gippsland Dawn site (see below). The site is located to the east of the site that we originally sought major project status for.

I am assuming that we will need to submit a new application or can we amend the existing application? If you can please confirm, it would be much appreciated.

Happy to jump on a call if that suits.

Regards

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Head, Environment and Planning

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From: @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 11:52 AM

To:S 22 @bluefloat.com>

Cc: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>; \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Gippsland coast offshore wind producers - AFR article [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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All good, thanks \$ 22

Best regards,

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From:s 22 @bluefloat.com>

Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 9:51 AM

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Thanks for reaching out.

We are not in a position to share anything at this point but I will let you know as soon as we can.

Regards

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Head, Environment and Planning

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From: \$ 22 @industry.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 5:16 PM

To:S 22 @bluefloat.com>

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Subject: Gippsland coast offshore wind producers - AFR article [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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Hellcs 22

I was reading the article in the Australian Financial Review today (https://www.afr.com/companies/energy/japan-wind-project-founders-as-other-decisions-remain-secret-20240404-p5fhfx) and noticed that it didn't mention Bluefloat anywhere.

Owing to strict confidentiality rules across government, we haven't been informed of the formal outcome of the feasibility licencing for the Gippsland coast, so I expect that you know more than we do about the outcome of the GGOWP application.

Is this something you're in a position to share?

Best regards,

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NOTICE OF GRANT - FEASIBILITY LICENCE FL-007

I, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Climate Change and Energy, hereby grant Feasibility Licence FL-007 to Gippsland Dawn OWP Project Pty Ltd (ACN 662 232 895) in in accordance with section 33 of the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021.

Feasibility Licence FL-007 comes into force on the day on which this notice of grant is signed with an end day on the day after the period of seven (7) years thereafter.

The licence area, description of the proposed commercial offshore infrastructure project, and conditions that apply to the licence are detailed in Schedule 1.

Dated 15 5dy 2024

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The Hon Chris Bowen MP

Minister for Climate Change and Energy

Interpretation

In this document, "the OEI Act" means the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021 and "the OEI Levies Act" means the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure (Regulatory Levies) Act 2021, and words used in this document have the same respective meanings as in the OEI Act or the OEI Levies Act.

The licence holder shall at all times comply with:

- (a) the provisions of the OEI Act and the OEI Levies Act; and
- (b) all regulations in force under the OEI Act and the OEI Levies Act; and
- (c) all directions given to the licence holder under the OEI Act.

Licence Area

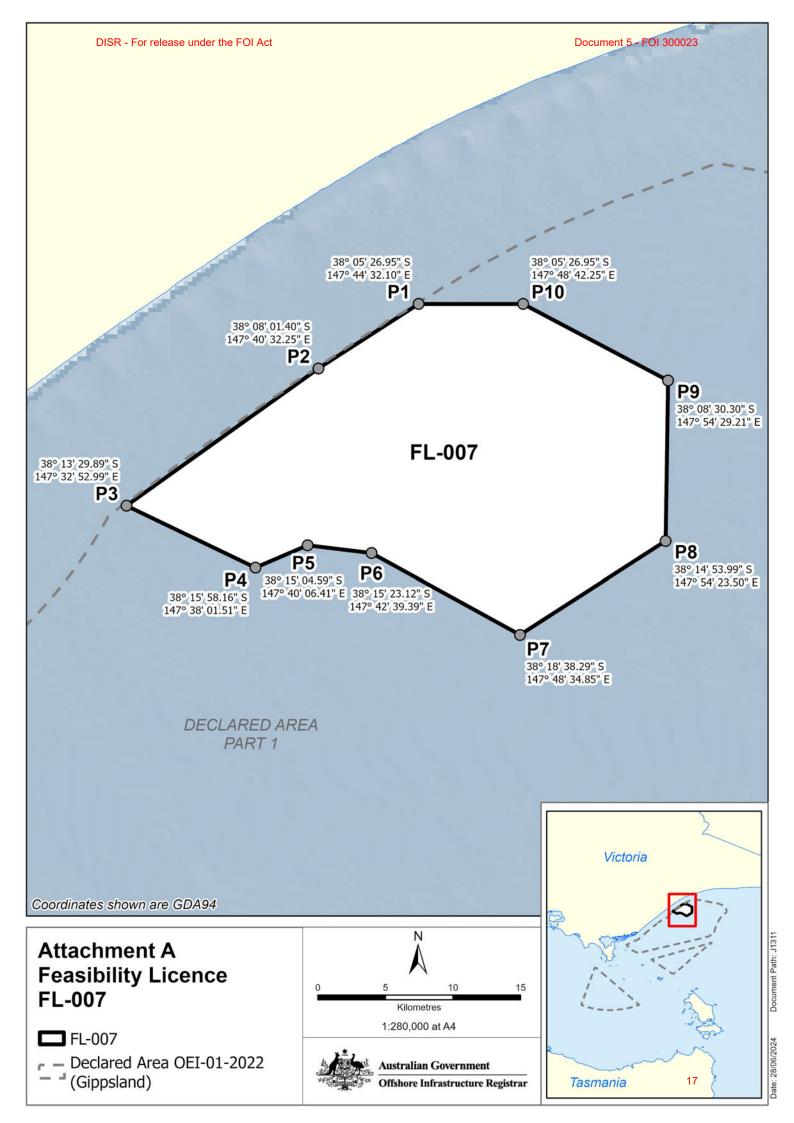
Declared Area Reference	OEI-01-2022		
Licence Area Size	469.66 km²		
Licence Area Details	The licence area is defined by a line commencing at point P the following table and running along the geodesics sequent connecting the points as described in the table and then alon geodesic to the point of commencement. Coordinates are provided using the GDA94 geocentric data set.		
	Point	Latitude	Longitude
	P1	38° 05' 26.95" S	147° 44' 32.10" E
	P2	38° 08' 01.40" S	147° 40' 32.25" E
	P3	38° 13' 29.89" S	147° 32' 52.99" E
	P4	38° 15' 58.16" S	147° 38' 01.51" E
	P5	38° 15' 04.59" S	147° 40' 06.41" E
	P6	38° 15' 23.12" S	147° 42' 39.39" E
	P7	38° 18' 38.29" S	147° 48' 34.85" E
		38° 14' 53.99" S	147° 54' 23.50" E
	P8	00 11 00.00	
	P8 P9	38° 08' 30.30" S	147° 54' 29.21" E

Description of Proposed Commercial Offshore Infrastructure Project

Description	2.1 GW fixed-bottom wind farm

Licence Conditions

- 1. The licence holder is to assess the feasibility of the proposed commercial offshore infrastructure project described in the above table.
- 2. The licence holder must comply with any requirement to pay an amount of offshore electricity infrastructure levy.
- 3. The licence is subject to the conditions specified in section 6 of the *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure (Declared Area OEI-01-2022) Declaration 2022* (as at the date of this notice).
- 4. The following people must comply with the management plan for the licence, if there is one:
 - i. the licence holder;
 - ii. any other person carrying out activities under the OEI Act or the licence on behalf of the licence holder.
- 5. The licence holder must give reports to the Registrar or Minister in accordance with section 33 of the *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Regulations 2022*.
- 6. The licence is subject to any conditions prescribed by the licensing scheme.





THE HON CHRIS BOWEN MP MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY

MS24-001120

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Director Gippsland Dawn OWP Project Pty Ltd

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GRANT OF FEASIBILITY LICENCE FL-007

I refer to the acceptance of offer, received on 26 June 2024, relating to the application by Gippsland Dawn OWP Project Pty Ltd (Application Reference NRFLPB) for a feasibility licence in Declared Area OEI-01-2022 under the *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021* (**OEI Act**).

I advise that Feasibility Licence FL-007 has been granted under section 33 of the OEI Act.

Enclosed is a copy of the notice of licence grant for your records. The Offshore Infrastructure Registrar (Registrar) will shortly update the Register of Offshore Infrastructure Licences (Register) to include details of the licence in accordance with Chapter 5, Part 1, Division 3 of the OEI Act. The Register will be available for public inspection on the National Electronic Approvals Tracking System, which can be accessed online at www.neats.nopta.gov.au.

Under section 47 of the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Regulations 2022, offshore electricity infrastructure levies will be due and payable 30 days after the beginning of the licence period, being the date of grant of the licence. The annual licence levy and annual Commonwealth levy are payable to the Registrar and the annual compliance levy is payable to the Offshore Infrastructure Regulator (Regulator). Separate payment notifications from the Registrar and the Regulator will be provided shortly. The amounts of the levies will be calculated in accordance with section 5 of the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure (Regulatory Levies) Regulations 2022.

If you have any queries with respect to the above, please contact Heath Shepherdson on (08) 6424 5314 or at offshoreelectricity@nopta.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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CHRIS BOWEN

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From: \$ 22 To: \$ 22

Subject: FW: Bureau of Meteorology / BlueFloat Energy - Introduction to Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project

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Date: Wednesday, 6 November 2024 5:02:00 PM

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Subject: Bureau of Meteorology / BlueFloat Energy - Introduction to Gippsland Dawn Offshore

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Hi s 22

Thanks for time your this afternoon. Very informative.

I've attached a copy of our presentation. **S 22** is the best contact for any queries. Details below.

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See material for the Bluefloat Energy offshore wind project.

Please note there are some sensitivities as there has not been any public release yet. While you can still draft, we will need to hold until we get clearance from the company.

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Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project - Major Project Status

Departmental Media Release Key Points

- Minister Husic has awarded Major Project Status (MPS) to BlueFloat Energy's Gippsland
 Dawn Offshore Wind Project for an initial three-year period.
- In his awarding of MPS, Minister Husic said: "The decision to grant MPS recognises the national significance of the Project to Australia's development of an offshore renewable energy industry and energy transition to net zero,"
- The Project will see the construction of 140 wind turbines and offshore substations in Bass Straight between 10 and 33 Kilometres from the coast between Paradise Beach and Ocean Grange.
- The \$10 billion Project is expected to supply up to 2.1 GW of renewable electricity into the National Electricity Market when fully operational, sufficient to power one million homes.
- Gippsland Dawn is one of just two offshore wind projects in Australia to be granted MPS to date.
- The Project is expected to create around 2,000 jobs during its two-year construction phase from 2029 and employ around 300 during its 30-year operational life.
- The awarding of MPS for the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project provides BlueFloat Energy with tailored access to case management by the Major Projects Facilitation Agency that will assist the company to navigate a complex government approvals process.

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Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project has been granted Major Project Status (MPS) by the Australian Government – one of only 14 infrastructre projects across the nation to be recognised in this way.

The Australian Minister for Industry and Science, Ed Husic, has written to Gippsland Dawn's proponent, BlueFloat Energy, to confirm the granting of MPS.

"The decision to grant MPS recognises the national significance of the project to Australia's development of an offshore renewable energy industry and energy transition," Mr Husic said.

The decision means a Major Projects Facilitation Agency case manager will be working closely with BlueFloat Energy to assist and navigate government approvals processes.

Mr Husic has also written to the Victorian Premier, Jacinta Allan, and several federal colleagues advising them of the decision and encouraging their assistance.

"This is an exciting development for BlueFloat Energy. It recognies the significant potential of Gippsland Dawn to be a successful contributor towards Australia's renewable future," said Nick Sankey, BlueFloat Energy's Country Manager.

Minister Husic has noted that this decision does not imply Australian Government endorsement or a guarantee of Gippsland Dawn's financial success. It does recognise that the project is economically significant to Australia. The project is required to go through federal and state approval processes.

The Gippsland Dawn offshore wind project was granted a feasibility licence mid-year with plans to develop wind turbines and offshore substations in Bass Strait, between 10 and 33 kilometres from the coast between Paradise Beach and Ocean Grange.

Gippsland Dawn has capacity to generate up to 2.1 GW of electricity, enough to power more than one million homes.

The project will create regional jobs and drive investment. Capital investment of about \$10 billion is proposed, with construction expected to begin in 2029 and the project will be operational from 2031, with a lifespan of more than 30 years.

The project will create around 2000 jobs during construction and 200–300 ongoing jobs during operations and maintenance stages, creating new and enduring supply chains across the region and nation.

A transmission system of cables and substations will connect the offshore wind project to the electricity grid. An onshore landing point for the transmission cable will be determined in line with VicGrid's connection hub area investigations.

Gippsland Dawn is committed to working with stakeholders, landowners and the community during every stage of project development.

More details are available on our website gippslanddawn.com.au

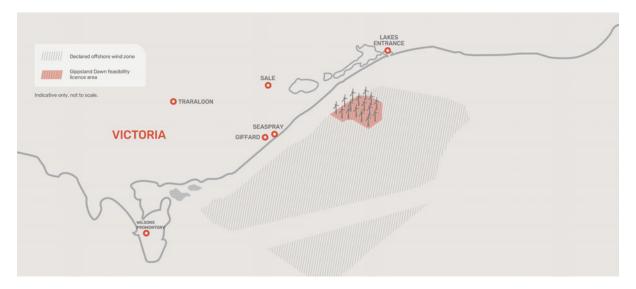


Image: Map of the Gippsland Dawn Offshore Wind Project which now has Major Project Status.

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About BlueFloat Energy:

BlueFloat Energy is developing offshore wind projects in various regions of the world, where it can implement its vision: to accelerate global deployment of offshore wind as a key enabler for the energy transition and economic growth. Founded by renewable energy professionals, BlueFloat Energy brings together remarkable team expertise in the design, development, financing, construction and execution of offshore wind projects. BlueFloat Energy is a market leader and currently has over 34 GW of planned capacity under development globally.

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MPFA MPS Update

Key/Priority Meetings and Outcomes

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