

Community Advisory Group

Meeting #23 – 15 November 2023

We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the traditional custodians of the land and pay respect to their elders past and present

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Standing items and actions
 - Apologies
 - Minutes and action items
 - Declaration of potential conflicts
3. What's happening on the project
4. What's happening in the community
 - All (20 min)
5. Break (10 min)
6. Focus Topic: Project approvals update
8. Other business
 - Other questions or feedback
 - Suggestions for future agenda items
 - Next meeting – CAG End-of-Year celebration dinner, Carrajung Estate – 14th December
9. Meeting close

What's been happening

- **CAG Site Visit** to Port Anthony and the Toora Windfarm
- **Events:**
 - Global Wind Energy Council,
 - Student Job & Skills Expo,
 - Gippsland New Energy Conference,
 - Gippsland EV Expo – Community Renewables Market,
 - Yarram Secondary College – Broadening Horizons,
 - TRANSFORM Renewable Energy Expo,
 - School Industry Champions Luncheon,
 - Melbourne Boat Show,
 - SGGFC - Snapper & Gummy Fishing Competition,
 - Tarwin District Community Lifestyle & Automotive Festival
- **Presentations:**
 - Manns Beach Improvement Committee,
 - Gippsland Regional Executive Forum,
 - Rotary Club of Sale,
 - TAFE Gippsland Executive Team,
 - Energy and Climate Change Summit,
 - Victoria Major Projects Conference,
 - Gippsland Grammar School,
 - CEC Offshore Wind Directorate,
 - Latrobe City Farm Ratepayers Association





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What's coming up

- **Events and presentations:**
 - Gippsland Jobs Expo – Latrobe City
 - Yarram Agricultural Show
 - The Middle of Everywhere Christmas Parade
 - Gippsland Centre Sale and Mid-Valley Shopping Centre pop-ups
 - Innovocean – Ocean Impact Organisation
 - Energy Infrastructure & Community Engagement Conference

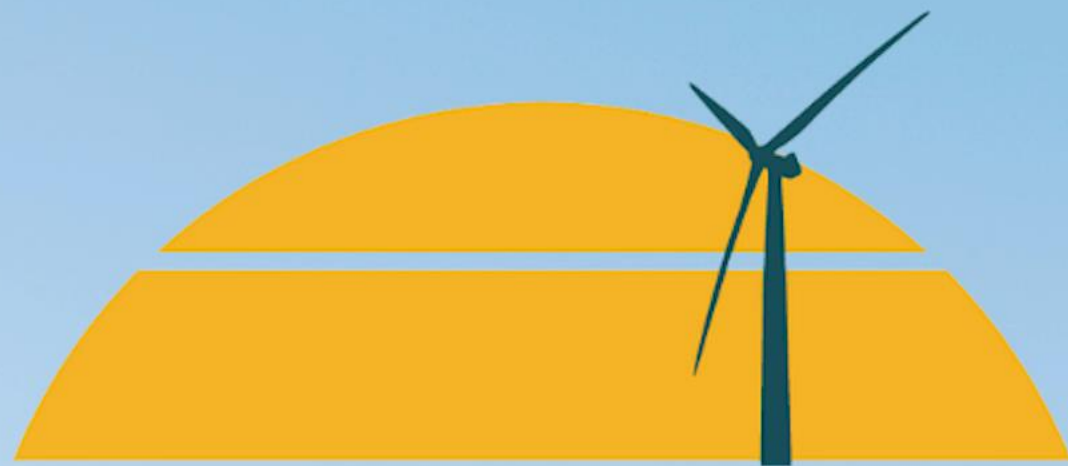


What's happening in the community

- **Community updates**
 - Wendy Farmer – TRANSFORM Expo
- **Everyone**
 - What are you hearing?
 - What are the hot topics in your local area?

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





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Renewable Energy Community & Jobs

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Focus topic: Environmental approvals update

Approvals update

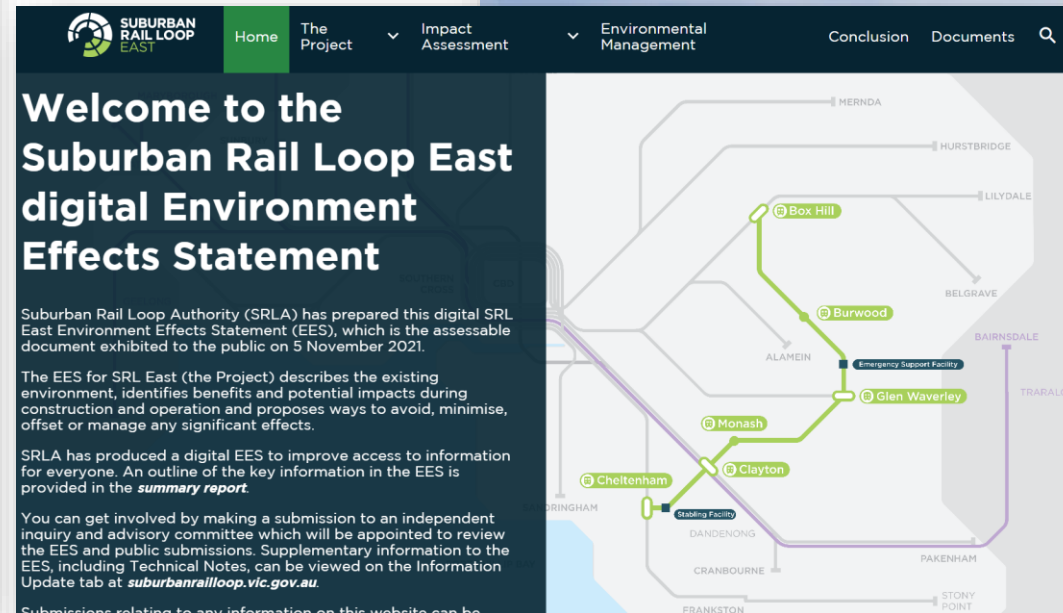
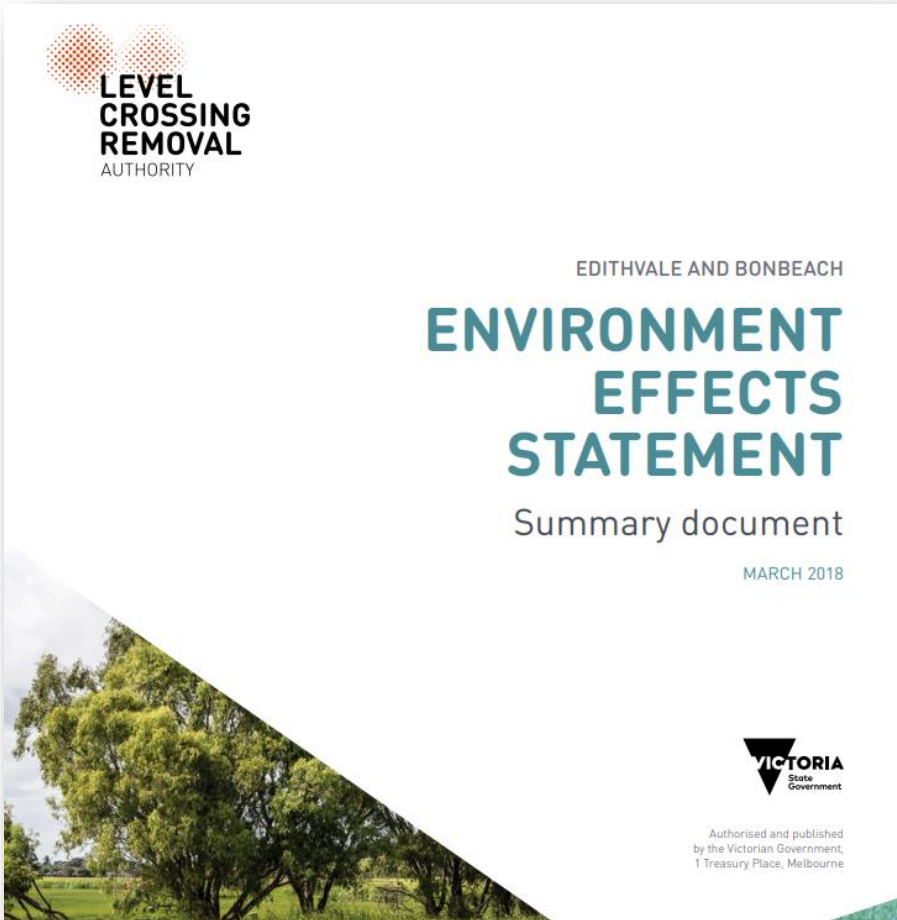
Key points:

- There have been updates to key elements of the project that affect approvals in the first part of 2023.
- The environmental assessment of the project is being updated to take into account the updates to the project.
- We're working to finalise assessment on the updated project next year.



We're expecting to submit our environmental assessments in 2024

Environmental assessment update

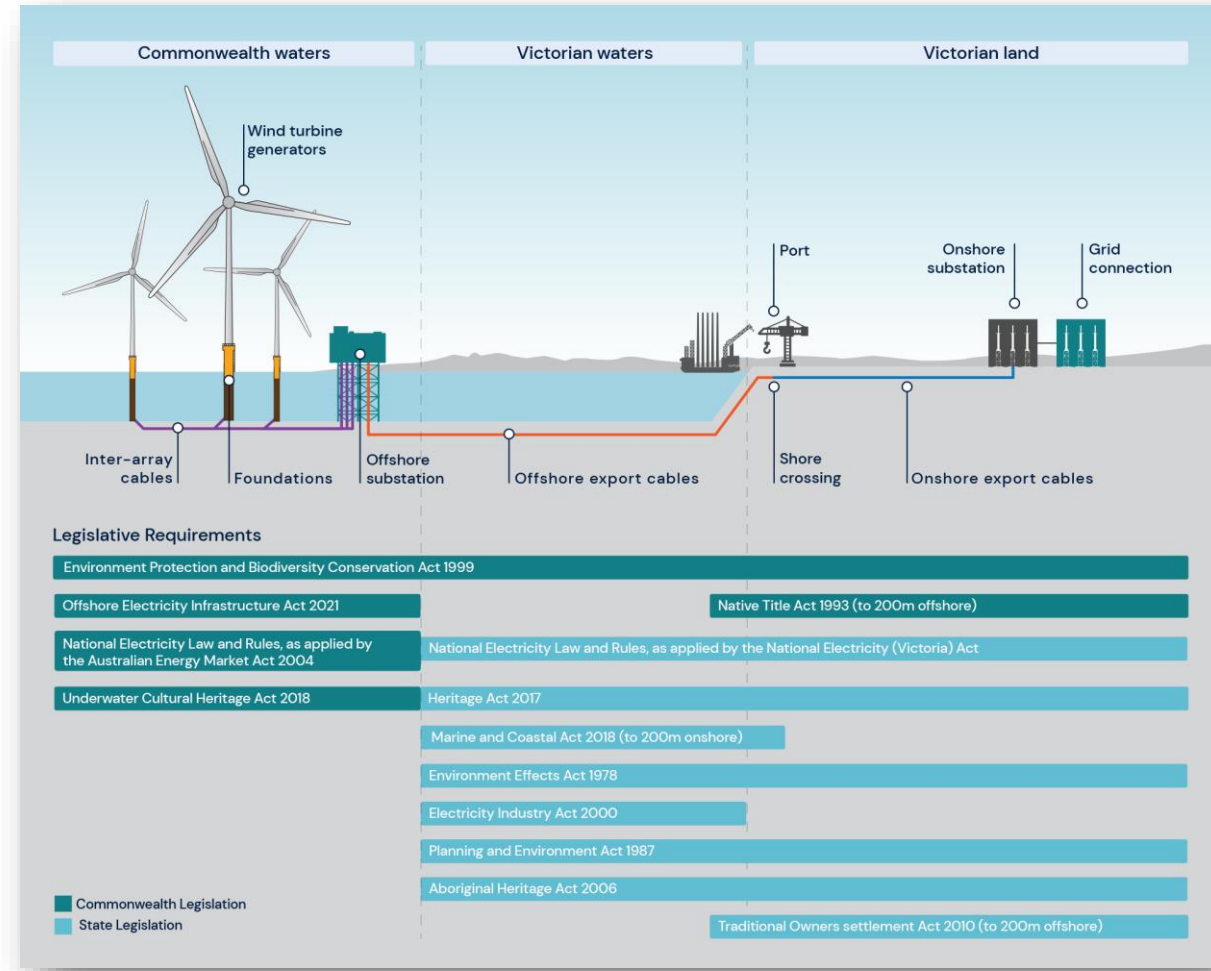


Adam has extensive experience in major project approvals

Approvals process

A coordinated Environment Impact Statement (EIS) and Environment Effects Statement (EES) is being used to assess potentially significant environmental, social, economic and planning aspects of the project.

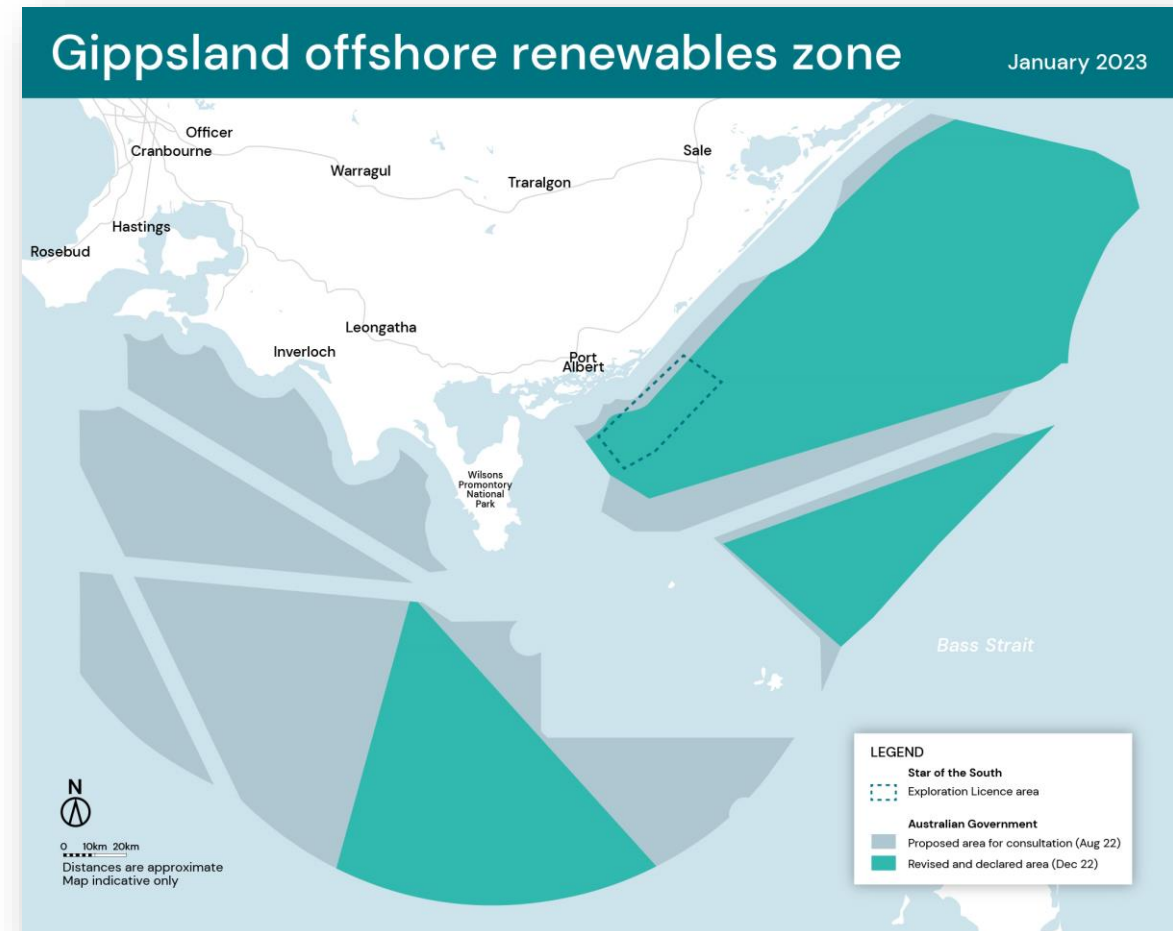
Key steps in the environmental assessment processes



We'll go through a comprehensive environmental assessment process

Declared area and turbine design

- Declared area – this reduced the area we’ve been investigating by around 12% and means all previous reports need to be updated.
- Maximum number of turbines we’re assessing has reduced.
- Remodelling of impacts associated with turbines:
 - Collision Risk for birds.
 - Underwater noise.
 - Coastal processes.
 - Construction assumptions.

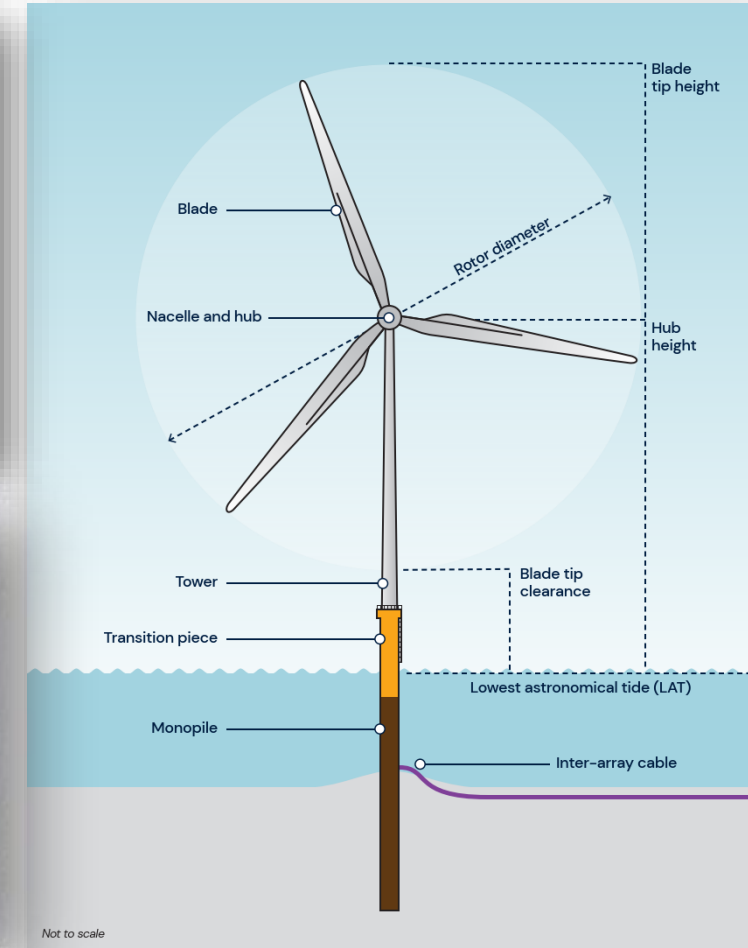


The Gippsland Offshore Wind Zone was declared in December 2022.

Working to minimise impacts

Refining the design including:

- Reduced turbine numbers
- Increasing blade tip clearance to a minimum of 35m to allow additional space for foraging birds.
- Assessment of noise mitigations for underwater piling – e.g. Double Bubble Curtains.



We're using the data from our studies to refine the project design.

Working to minimise impacts

Cultural heritage:

- Significant cultural heritage around waterways and in coastal areas.
- Exploring engineering and design responses such as:
 - Underground boring in key locations
 - Localised changes to transmission easement.

Native vegetation:

- Design refinement to avoid and minimise impacts.
- Looking at areas of higher significance and adjusting design and construction approaches.



Onshore assessments are informing our proposed transmission design

Next steps



If everything goes smoothly, we hope to have approvals around the middle of the decade.



Other business

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- Farewell CAG Member Jess
- CAG End of year Break-up
- CAG Annual member survey,
- Early December
- Other questions and feedback?
- Suggestions for future agenda items?
 - List on the CAG Member Teams Page 'files'
 - Email/call Jason
- Next meeting – 7 February 2024,
Latrobe Valley, venue and date TBC

Forward meeting schedule

Date	Location	Topic (tentative, subject to change)
14 December	Carrajung Estate	CAG End-of-Year Celebration Dinner
7 February 2024	Latrobe Valley (TBC)	(TBC)

Thank you for your participation