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Submission by Carolyn Crossley Supporting the Star of the South Offshore Wind Project 25-06-2026

Submission

I, Carolyn Crossley, am pleased to provide this submission in support of the Star of the South Offshore Wind Project.

As a Gippsland community member and board member of the Gippsland Climate Change Network, I support the project proceeding, provided it is delivered with strong environmental safeguards, genuine community engagement and clear commitments to maximising benefits for the Gippsland region.

I was a Wellington Shire Councillor for 12 years from 2012-24 and was involved with the first contact with the Star of the South and from those very early days I found them to be an exemplary organisation in its process that fostered inclusive, informed, and reflective conversations with the affected communities and stakeholders. I have every confidence that Star of the South will deliver a safe, effective and environmentally responsible offshore wind project.

Gippsland has powered Victoria for generations. As coal-fired generation retires, our region needs new investment that supports reliable energy, reduces emissions and creates long-term employment. The Star of the South project offers an important opportunity to keep Gippsland at the centre of Victoria's energy future while helping the state transition to cleaner sources of power.

- approve the project with enforceable conditions that protect marine, coastal and onshore environments;
- require independent environmental monitoring, public reporting and adaptive management throughout construction and operation;
- maximise local jobs, procurement and training opportunities for Gippsland workers, businesses and young people;
- establish a transparent community benefit framework developed with affected coastal communities.

In supporting the project, I believe it is essential that approval conditions recognise both the scale of the opportunity and the responsibilities that come with it. Offshore wind must be developed in a way that respects Traditional Owners, coastal communities, fishers, landholders, local government and the natural environment.

Reasons for Support

The project can provide substantial renewable energy, support Victoria's emissions reduction goals and create new regional industries. It can also provide pathways for workers with existing energy, maritime, electrical, engineering and maintenance skills to move into clean energy jobs. With appropriate planning, partnerships with local education providers and a strong local procurement focus, the benefits of the project can be shared widely across Gippsland.

I particularly support a Gippsland-based operations and maintenance presence, clear workforce development commitments and transparent reporting on local content. These measures will help ensure the project leaves a lasting regional legacy rather than short-term construction activity only.

Environmental and Community Conditions

Support for the project must be matched by careful environmental protection. I support project design and approval conditions that avoid and minimise impacts on marine species, birds, coastal areas,

waterways, farms and local communities. Monitoring should be independent, scientifically rigorous and publicly available, with clear action required if impacts are greater than predicted.

Community benefit arrangements should be transparent, locally informed and available from the construction phase. They should complement, not replace, government investment in housing, transport, health, education and community infrastructure needed to support regional growth.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I support approval of the Star of the South Offshore Wind Project, subject to strong and enforceable conditions covering environmental protection, cumulative impact assessment, independent monitoring, local jobs and procurement, workforce development, community benefit sharing and ongoing engagement.

Delivered responsibly, Star of the South can help Gippsland remain an energy-producing region, support communities through transition and demonstrate how large-scale renewable energy can be developed in partnership with regional communities.

Carolyn Crossley

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