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To whom it may concern,

RE: OBJECTION TO STAR OF THE SOUTH OFFSHORE WINDFARM PROJECT

We are the owners of a holiday property at [REDACTED]. We write to formally object to the proposed Star of the South Offshore Wind Project, both in principle and on several substantive grounds outlined below.

1. Lack of consultation and procedural fairness

We were not consulted at any stage regarding the proposal to designate the offshore area east of Wilsons Promontory for large-scale wind energy development, including infrastructure proposed to be located as close as approximately 10 km, and in this case around 31 km from the Seaspray coastline. To our knowledge, there has been no meaningful or direct consultation with affected landowners, residents, smaller coastal communities, or Traditional Owners, including residents and property owners in The Honeysuckles estate. We further understand that some settlements were omitted from official maps endorsed by State and Federal authorities. Had we been aware of these proposals during their formative stages, we would have lodged objections at the earliest opportunity. We are also concerned that the unilateral declaration of the offshore wind farm zone by the Federal Minister occurred without any appropriate or adequate consultation with affected stakeholders.

2. Absence of formal notification to affected landowners

We understand that the project will involve transmission infrastructure, including cable landfalls and easements along the coastline. Despite this, we have received no formal or properly served notification as affected landowners. Informal methods of communication such as unaddressed letters left at local premises do not meet acceptable standards of notice for a project of this scale and significance.

3. Lack of transparency in the planning process

The processes adopted to date appear to have limited community awareness and reduced scrutiny. The apparent fast-tracking of aspects of the project, combined with limited and unclear consultation pathways, has restricted the ability of affected individuals to properly consider and respond to the proposal. These shortcomings undermine confidence in the integrity and fairness of the process.

4. Inappropriate siting and proximity to the coastline

We consider the proposed siting of the wind farm to be inappropriate given its proximity to the Ninety Mile Beach coastline. Industrial-scale offshore infrastructure located within visible range has the potential to significantly alter the character of the coastal environment and seascape. The coastline between Wilsons Promontory and Ninety Mile Beach is a highly valued environmental asset for the State of Victoria, encompassing both small coastal communities and extensive, relatively untouched coastal landscapes. Its natural character is central to its ecological, cultural, and recreational significance. The introduction of large-scale offshore wind developments in this location would result in a permanent and substantial change to the visual and environmental qualities of the Gippsland coastal region. In our view, proceeding with the project in its current form would represent a serious erosion of community trust.

5. Support for renewable energy does not justify poor siting

While we support renewable energy development in principle, its location must be carefully considered. Such projects should not be sited in a way that compromises valued coastal landscapes or the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Appropriate siting should prioritise locations where environmental, visual, and community impacts are minimised.

6. Economic impacts on property values and local businesses

We are concerned that the project may have a negative impact on property values in Seaspray, The Honeysuckles, and surrounding coastal communities. These areas rely heavily on their appeal as natural, unspoiled coastal destinations. Any perceived industrialisation of the seascape may reduce their attractiveness, with flow-on effects for local businesses and the broader tourism economy.

7. Visual impact on an iconic landscape

Ninety Mile Beach is one of Australia's most significant uninterrupted coastal environments. The introduction of large-scale offshore turbines visible from shore would fundamentally alter the character of this landscape. This is an important planning consideration and should be given appropriate weight.

8. Environmental concerns and insufficient assessment

The Gippsland coastal and marine environment is ecologically sensitive and supports diverse wildlife, including migratory species, marine mammals, and fisheries. At present, the cumulative environmental impacts of offshore wind developments in the region have not been fully assessed or clearly communicated. A precautionary approach should be adopted where uncertainty remains.

9. Cumulative impacts

The Star of the South project must be considered in the broader context of multiple proposed offshore wind developments in Gippsland. The combined effects of turbines, transmission infrastructure, and onshore facilities have not been adequately assessed in an integrated manner.

10. Lack of transparent alternatives analysis

There has been insufficient justification for the proximity of the proposed development to the coastline. Alternative locations further offshore, or different configurations, may deliver similar energy outcomes while reducing impacts on coastal communities.

11. Impacts on tourism and regional identity

The local economy depends significantly on nature-based tourism, including fishing, swimming, and passive recreation. The character of the region as a quiet, undeveloped coastal environment is central to its identity and economic sustainability. Industrial offshore development risks undermining these values.

12. Risks to wildlife, fisheries, and marine use

The project has the potential to affect marine ecosystems, fisheries, birdlife, and recreational boating. These risks require thorough, independent assessment supported by publicly accessible evidence.

13. Onshore infrastructure impacts

While the turbines are offshore, associated onshore infrastructure—including cable landfalls, easements, substations, and access works, will have direct impacts on coastal landowners and the environment. These impacts have not been adequately explained or justified.

14. Lack of demonstrated net community benefit

At present, it appears that the environmental and visual burdens of the project will fall disproportionately on local communities, while much of the benefit will be distributed elsewhere. A clear and balanced demonstration of net community benefit has not been provided.

15. Need for staged, evidence-based development

Offshore wind is an emerging industry in Australia. Large-scale deployment should follow robust pilot projects and clear evidence demonstrating environmental compatibility, safety, and genuine community support.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, we object to the Star of the South Offshore Wind Project in and the proposed location of wind farms on the Gippsland coast in its current form. While we support the transition to renewable energy, such developments must be carefully planned and sensitively sited to avoid undue harm to established communities, valued landscapes, and local economies. The Ninety Mile Beach region is a unique, beautiful and significant coastal environment that warrants a high level of protection. We respectfully request that these concerns be given full and proper consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Yours Sincerely

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