



ALLIANCE
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A LOCAL PLATFORM FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Country and recognise their continuing connection to the land, water, air and sky, culture and community. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

We acknowledge the region for the Gippsland Offshore Wind Alliance is on traditional lands, including those lands of the Gunaikurnai and Bunurong nations, as well as other Traditional Owner Groups in Victoria who are not yet formally recognised.



GIPPSLAND'S OFFSHORE WIND ZONE

OUR REGION



Gippsland is undergoing a transition in new energy generation. In December 2022, the Australian Government declared an area of the Bass Strait off the Gippsland coast as Australia's first offshore wind zone.

With a proud history of energy generation and unparalleled natural resources, Gippsland is positioned to take a leading role in Australia's clean energy future and offshore wind will be central to delivering this.

With feasibility license holders declared for the Gippsland zone, now is the time to come together as part of an industry-led Gippsland Offshore Wind Alliance to help secure investment, develop a skilled workforce and invest in the infrastructure that will enable the local offshore wind sector and secure Gippsland's energy generating future.

The formation of this Gippsland Alliance recognises that a cooperative and collaborative approach to engagement and advocacy will help support the region's ambition to successfully deliver our energy transition.

Offshore wind will create new jobs, boost Victoria's manufacturing and supply chains, increase regional investment, and help Australia reach net-zero, but work is needed to ensure that these opportunities are realised. The Gippsland Alliance will help coordinate this.

OUR ALLIANCE

The Gippsland Offshore Wind Alliance will be coordinated and delivered by the Committee for Gippsland and the Gippsland Climate Change Network in collaboration with alliance partners. C4G and GCCN will act as co-chairs for the Alliance.

It is anticipated that our alliance partners will be broad and diverse including representatives of Traditional Owner groups, industry, community and regional leaders, local government and government agencies, trade and labor councils – all positive influencers towards Gippsland future leading offshore wind in Australia.

The Alliance will operate and be guided by the principles of:

- **Mutual respect and understanding.**
- **Consensus where all parties can support the decision, even if it is not their preferred outcome.**
- **Identify opportunities to collaborate, share resources and reduce duplication.**
- **Engage community and business sectors in activities to increase social and economic outcomes.**
- **Identify, assess and manage any potential conflicts.**

Gippsland Alliance members are not precluded from undertaking their own advocacy or engagement activities as part of 'business as usual' or requirements under the conditions of their feasibility license.

There is no intention of this Alliance to become a separately constituted association but to work through C4G and GCCN in delivering on the Vision, Mission, Purpose and Actions as outlined above.



OUR VISION

To successfully realise Gippsland's future as Australia's leading offshore wind zone that delivers opportunities for the region while delivering Australia's pathway to net-zero.

By harnessing the good will and expertise of the region, we are committed to supporting an offshore wind industry in Gippsland that acknowledges the region's energy history, cultural connection to Country and paves the way for a strong, sustainable future.

Through embracing innovation, increasing employment participation, acknowledging the importance of community health, education and understanding the Alliance will seek to empower the region to be part of the transition.



OUR MISSION

To strategically deliver an offshore wind industry for the Gippsland region that proactively engages with the Gippsland community, industry and supply chains, to build awareness and understanding, and create a positive legacy for Gippsland. To foster

collaboration that helps drive the economic opportunities that attract investment and create jobs while accelerating the growth of offshore wind in Gippsland. Gippsland can be the exemplar to other regions undergoing transition across Australia.

OUR PURPOSE

The Alliance will provide a local platform for cooperative action, enabling industry to support regional priorities, develop industry solutions, and engage in Traditional Owner, community and stakeholder consultation models that minimise duplication and maximise outcomes.

Coordination: Support the development of the Gippsland offshore wind zone with a consistent and coordinated approach between local government, Traditional Owners, local industry and community, and project proponents.

Regional uplift: Identify key aspirations, opportunities and projects which would deliver economic and social benefits related to the development of the offshore wind industry in Gippsland.

Collaboration: Build collaboration and capacity within the region with a focus on creating efficiencies of scale and reducing impacts on communities and duplication of individual project processes.

Advocacy: Enable a forum for proponents to share international experience, identify crucial issues and advocate collectively to government.



OUR ACTIONS & FOCUS

Stage One

Formation of Gippsland Offshore Wind Alliance.

The Alliance will bring together broad and diverse partners including representatives of Traditional Owner groups, industry, community and regional leaders, local government and government agencies, trade and labor councils – all positive influencers towards Gippsland future leading offshore wind in Australia.

Stage Two

Develop and deliver a offshore wind sector plan for Gippsland.

The sector plan will identify what is needed for a successful offshore wind sector in Gippsland and outline regionally identified priorities. These priorities will focus on key enabling infrastructure (transmission, ports, industrial and residential land), workforce and skills development, while identifying opportunities that boost regional economic and social outcomes.

Stage Three

Engage, communicate and advocate.

The Alliance will develop networks to build awareness and understanding through knowledge sharing events and engagements, consultations and workshops. With a defined sector plan the Alliance will advocate to state and federal governments on the opportunities to progress offshore wind for Gippsland.

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