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## Offshore Renewable Energy Infrastructure Area Proposal: Pacific Ocean off Hunter

### Overview

Australia's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is seeking public feedback on the possible effects of future offshore renewable energy projects in the Pacific Ocean off Hunter, NSW. This includes offshore wind.

Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen has proposed an area in Australian Commonwealth waters off the Hunter region for offshore renewable energy projects. Commonwealth waters start the nautical miles from the coastline and extend to the boundary of Australia's exclusive economic zone.

"The Australian Government wants to manage the offshore marine environment in a way that recognises all users and balances competing interests. Offshore renewable energy projects must share the area with other users and activities," stated a recent website post of the Department.

The Minister will consider all submissions. Your feedback will help inform the Minister's decision as to whether the proposed area is suitable for offshore renewable energy developments."

Find out more about the [community information sessions](#).

### Consultation Documents

- [Notice of Proposal to Declare an Area – Pacific Ocean off Hunter, NSW \[PDF 442KB\]](#)
- [Overview of the proposed area – Hunter, NSW \[PDF 510KB\]](#) General information relating to the area under consideration, the declaration process, and providing feedback. Also includes answers to frequently asked questions
- [Marine Users and Interests – Hunter, NSW \[PDF 280KB\]](#) A non-exhaustive list of identified interests provided to facilitate conversations about the potential suitability of the area for offshore renewable energy.
- [Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021 – Proposed Area – Hunter, NSW \(shapefile\) \[ZIP 6KB\]](#)
- [Interactive Map of the Proposed Area – Hunter, NSW](#)

### Have Your Say

You can provide your feedback by answering specific questions in the following survey. There is also an option to include a detailed written submission if you prefer.

- [Have your say](#)

### Read More

- Read more about [regulating offshore renewable energy](#)
- [Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021](#)
- [Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Regulations 2022](#)



- [Offshore Electricity Infrastructure \(Regulatory Levies\) Regulations 2022](#)
- [Cost Recovery Implementation Statement](#)

***Related***

- [Previous consultation for Gippsland, Victoria](#)

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