



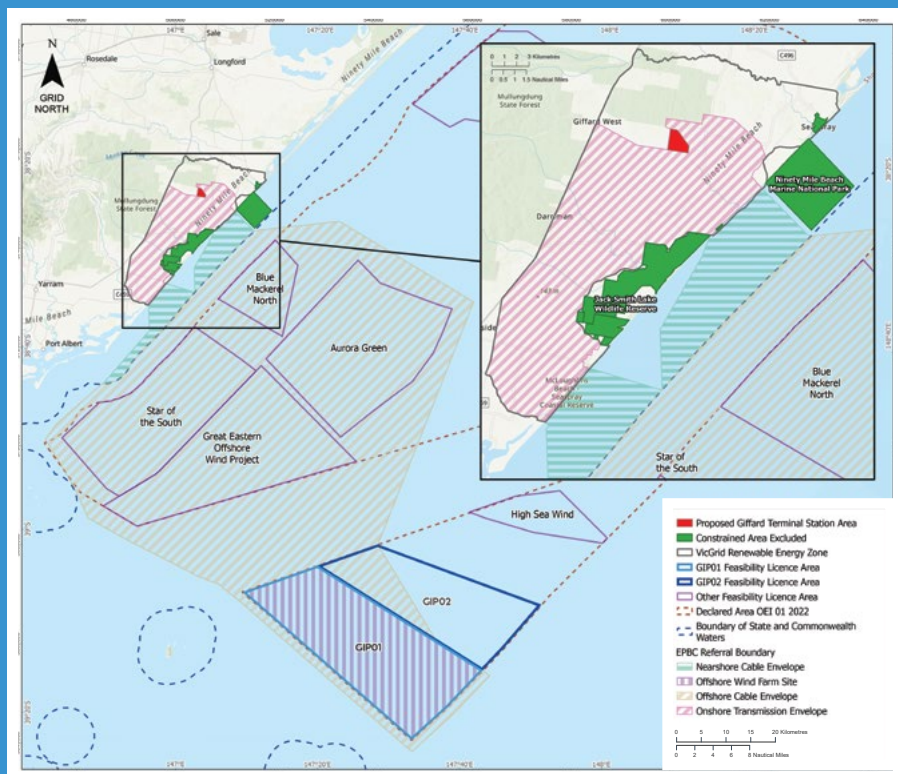
Community Newsletter | February 2026

# Gippsland Offshore Wind Farms

# Welcome to the February issue of the Ørsted community newsletter

In this edition, we provide updates on our environmental approvals process, spotlight our supply chain expertise, share updates from recent events, and celebrate Ørsted's global sustainability achievements.

- ④ Cippisland 01 EPBC Referral Boundary (Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation)



Source: World Topographic Map (ESRI)

# Progressing key environmental approvals

Ørsted has submitted a referral under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act) for the Gippsland 1 Offshore Wind Project, marking a key step in progressing the project's environmental approvals.

We've intentionally submitted a larger referral area than the final project footprint to give us the flexibility to refine the Project's design as environmental findings, technical investigations and community feedback continue to shape the project.

The Australian Government will now determine whether the project requires formal assessment under the EPBC Act.

View the full referral via the EPBC Act Public Portal.

## Locals powering future industries

The development of a strong local supply chain to support Tasmania's growing renewable energy sector was the focus of a recent event hosted by the Tasmanian government at Bell Bay near Launceston.

Speaking on a panel about what offshore wind projects may mean for businesses in the state, Ørsted's Lead Supply Chain Development Manager, Marc Adams, highlighted the importance of building a strong and coordinated supply chain from the outset.

*"We're collaborating to build an industry, not just a project," he said. "Offshore wind in Australia only works if developers, government, and local businesses grow together."*

With skills shortages anticipated across Australia's emerging offshore wind sector, he said early planning will be key.

*"At our operations and maintenance hub in Grimsby (in the UK), 75% of the 600 people directly employed live within an hour of the base," he said.*

*"Partnering with local education providers and supporting small businesses to build regional capability will be critical."*



Jim Rijks (Iberdrola), Marc Adams (Ørsted) and Yash Mehrotra (Bass Offshore Wind Energy Project) with Offshore wind Q&A panel facilitator Sean Van Steel

## Ørsted ranked as a global sustainability leader

Ørsted has taken ninth place in this year's Corporate Knights Global 100, which ranks the most sustainable companies in the world based on an assessment of the companies' sustainability performance.

This is the ninth year in a row that Ørsted is included on the Global 100 list of the most sustainable companies in the world.

In 2025, Ørsted became the world's first energy company to fully transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, cutting operational emissions by around 98% and reaching 99% renewable energy generation.

Going forward, Ørsted will collaborate with partners and continue to systematically drive down its emissions across the full value chain (scopes 1-3) towards its science-based 2040 net-zero target.

## Driving marine biodiversity

Ørsted's commitment to net-positive biodiversity outcomes was spotlighted this month, as we joined Ocean Decades Australia in celebrating the halfway point of the United Nations Ocean Decade 2021 – 2030.

All Ørsted projects operational from 2030, including our two Gippsland offshore wind projects, will deliver a net-positive impact on biodiversity – going beyond avoiding and mitigating potential harm, to actively restoring and enhancing biodiversity.

At the event, Ocean Decades Australia launched their latest white paper, featuring Ørsted's artificial reef restoration trial being undertaken on turbine foundations in Denmark.

📍 Andrew Ho, Head of Government & Regulatory Affairs at Ørsted Australia, joining ocean sustainability leaders at Admiralty House in Sydney for Ocean Decade Australia's event



# Conversations with Gippsland

February was a busy month of events across Gippsland.

With Gippslanders out and about enjoying the summer weather, we joined other developers and the Offshore Wind Energy Victoria team at the Lakes Entrance foreshore market and the Gippsland Boat Show in February to chat to people about how offshore wind is taking shape in Gippsland.

It was fantastic to speak to so many people with an interest in the energy transition and what it will mean for the region. We look forward to continuing conversations during March:

- Federation University O-Week, Berwick – Wednesday 4 March
- Wellington Sustainability Festival – Saturday 14 March



📍 Offshore wind representatives at the Gippsland Boat Show in Paynesville

## Gunaikurnai businesses show their strength

The 2025 Deadly in Gippsland event held at Sale Memorial Hall showcased an impressive display of the breadth of Gunaikurnai business growth, creativity, and innovation across the region.

The event is growing in profile as an important opportunity for suppliers to showcase their capabilities, connect with potential buyers, and receive support to grow their business.

Thanks to Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation for hosting the event – we look forward to future events!



📍 The Deadly in Gippsland First Nations Business Expo



### **Acknowledgement of Country**

Ørsted acknowledges the Gunaikurnai people's spiritual connection to their lands, waters and sky. Since the first sunrise, the Gunaikurnai people have cared for and nurtured this sacred land on which our projects will be developed.

We will embrace the legacy of their ancestors by valuing the resilient culture they have maintained for thousands of years. Together, we will build an authentic relationship that enables their direct benefit.

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