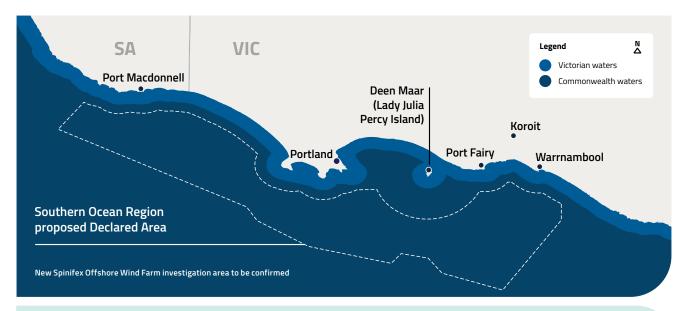




# **Proposed Declared Area announcement** Newsletter – July 2023

On 28 June 2023, the Australian Government announced a Notice of Proposal to Declare an Area in the Southern Ocean as suitable for offshore renewable energy infrastructure.

The proposed area, between Port MacDonnell in South Australia and Warrnambool in Victoria, covers approximately 5,100 square kilometres (pictured below).



We welcome the Government's announcement, and the opportunity it provides for the community and Traditional Custodians to have their say about appropriate areas for offshore wind farms, and the potential benefits and impacts of the renewable energy projects.

Given our initial investigation area falls outside the proposed area (pictured above) we're reviewing alternative potential locations for the Spinifex site within the proposed area.

To date, we've had a lot of great conversations with the Portland community. We have worked closely with local businesses and industry to identify the economic development and training opportunities that offshore wind can bring to the Portland region. We've used this information to identify a number of alternative potential locations for a new Spinifex site within the proposed area.

Over the coming months, we plan to have additional discussions with key stakeholder groups and rights holders to consult on these alternative potential locations and determine which will be best suited for Spinifex's new investigation area.

You can get in touch with us if you have any questions or feedback, or sign up for project updates at info@spinifexoffshore.com.au



## How to get involved

The Australian Government is running a public consultation process until 31 August 2023 to ensure the views of the public including other marine users, local community, Traditional Custodians and industry are considered before the declared area is finalised.

### Details about this engagement can be found on their website

<u>consult.dcceew.gov.au/oei-southern-ocean</u>

0101



### What happens next?

Following the public consultation period, the Australian Government will consider all submissions and make a decision on the final offshore energy infrastructure area.

Once the final area is announced, companies interested in developing offshore wind projects can apply for a feasibility license to develop within the declared area.

#### CONTACT

If you want to find out more about the project, provide feedback or get involved in upcoming consultation opportunities

#### spinifexoffshore.com.au

@ info@spinifexoffshore.com.au

📞 1800 008 335 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)



