

# Spinifex Offshore Wind Farm

Community update – March 2025

## Feasibility Licence Offer Accepted

The Spinifex Offshore Wind project has accepted the offer of a feasibility licence by the Australian Government, marking a major milestone in the project’s development.

The Spinifex offshore wind project, located off the coast of south-west Victoria, has accepted an offer of a feasibility licence from the Australian Government.

Spinifex is being co-developed by Parkwind, which is part of JERA Nex, and Alinta Energy. It is the first and most advanced project to be awarded a licence in the Southern Ocean offshore wind zone.

The feasibility licence grants the project the opportunity to explore the viability or practicality of the proposed project within a designated area.

Alinta Energy MD & CEO Jeff Dimery thanked the Government for progressing the offshore wind industry’s development in the Southern Ocean zone.

“We’ve done a lot of work on the project over almost four years, so it’s great that the project has moved quickly from zone declaration to a feasibility licence being offered.”

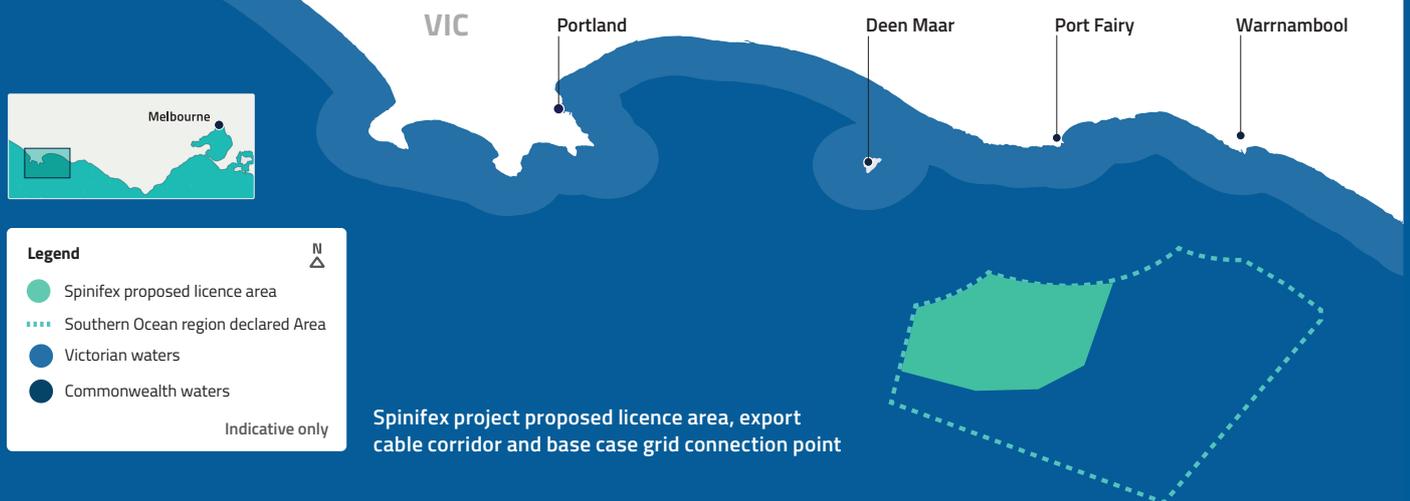
“We thank the government for the prompt decision. It puts us in a good position to complete our upcoming seasonal surveys and keep progressing the project.”

CEO of JERA Nex, Nathalie Oosterlinck states:

*“This announcement is an important step but there is plenty of further work to do. We welcome this decision by the Government and look forward to bringing our global expertise and scale into this joint venture, while remaining focused on consulting and working closely with the local community, various levels of government and other key stakeholders to ensure the shared success of this project.”*

Spinifex continues to seek collaboration and consultation with the community and stakeholders to help shape the project and create lasting environmental, economic and social benefits for Southwest Victoria and beyond.

Spinifex is targeting 1.2GW of capacity, which is enough to power approximately 650,000 Victorian homes each year.





## Passive acoustic monitoring deployment underway

As part of its environmental studies, the Spinifex Offshore Wind project has deployed four Passive Acoustic Monitoring (PAM) moorings to record underwater sounds, including those made by whales and dolphins.

This study will improve our understanding of marine life around the project area and help inform future environmental assessments. The PAMs will remain in place for up to two to three years, with servicing trips planned every six months.

The project team actively engaged with local commercial fishers to determine the best locations for deploying the PAM equipment. Based on their feedback, the moorings have been placed in locations that minimise potential impacts on certain fishing activities.

A key part of this deployment was the involvement of a local fisherman, who assisted in safely positioning the PAMs. By engaging local expertise, the project continues to support regional industry and ensure the work is conducted with the best possible understanding of local conditions.



*Spinifex acknowledges the Gunditjmara and Eastern Maar as the original Custodians of the Country where the project is proposed and pay respect to Elders past and present.*

### FIND OUT MORE

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