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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Blue Mackerel welcomes opening of Victoria's offshore wind auction**

Victoria's first offshore wind auction has officially commenced, with the Victorian Government opening a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for 2GW of offshore wind capacity, marking a major milestone for the state's renewable energy sector. Blue Mackerel welcomed the announcement as an important step towards a secure, reliable and low-emissions energy future.

Blue Mackerel Project Director David Ghaly said the auction process marks an important step forward for the offshore wind sector in Gippsland and provides confidence to developers, supply chain partners and local communities.

Mr Ghaly said the auction would help create a stable framework for investment while supporting significant economic opportunities for the region.

"Offshore wind has the potential to deliver substantial long-term benefits, including new jobs, skills development, investment in regional communities and increased energy security as ageing coal-fired power generation retires.

"For Gippsland in particular, this represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build on its proud energy legacy and establish itself as the centre for Australia's offshore wind industry."

Blue Mackerel supports the Victorian Government's efforts to establish a competitive auction process that enables high-quality projects to progress while delivering value for Victorian energy consumers.

Mr Ghaly said industry certainty is critical to unlocking investment and ensuring projects can continue to advance through development and regulatory phases.

"Large-scale infrastructure projects require long-term certainty. The auction process provides an important pathway for projects to demonstrate their value, attract investment and contribute to Victoria's clean energy transition.

"Blue Mackerel remains committed to working closely with stakeholders, Traditional Owners, local communities, industry, suppliers and government to responsibly develop offshore wind projects that deliver lasting environmental, social and economic benefits."

As Victoria progresses its offshore wind industry, Blue Mackerel looks forward to participating in the next phase of development and helping deliver the energy solutions needed to meet the state's future electricity demands.

## Project background

Located approximately 10km off the Gippsland coast on Brataualung and Tatungalung Country, between Seaspray and Woodside Beach, Blue Mackerel has the potential to generate 1 GW of electricity. At full capacity, that's enough to power up to 750,000 Victorian homes a year by 2035. As Victoria's remaining coal-fired power stations retire, the project will help deliver new, clean, and reliable electricity into the grid.

Blue Mackerel is being developed by JERA Nex bp, a 50:50 joint venture between JERA Co. and bp. JERA Nex bp is a purpose-built offshore wind company committed to unlocking the power of offshore wind by developing high-quality, competitive projects.

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