

Project Update:

Latest news from Australia's 'small but mighty' offshore wind project, Blue Mackerel.

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Victoria's offshore wind auction announced for August

Today, the Victorian Government has reaffirmed their commitment to delivering offshore wind in Australia, announcing that the Request for Proposal (RfP) for Victoria's first offshore wind auction will open in August 2026.

This is welcome news for Blue Mackerel.

What's been confirmed

- The RfP will open in August 2026
- The first auction will progress 2GW of offshore wind capacity
- Offshore wind will be integrated into the National Electricity Market (NEM) via the Electricity Services Entry Mechanism (ESEM)
- The Port of Hastings has been confirmed as Victoria's preferred offshore wind construction port
- Further consultation on auction design, transmission and port development will continue into early 2026

Blue Mackerel remains committed

As one of the first offshore wind projects to secure a feasibility licence, the first with an approved Management Plan under the new offshore regulations, and recipient of **Major Project Status** - Blue Mackerel is ideally positioned to help replace retiring coal generation with large-scale, reliable renewable energy.

At full capacity, Blue Mackerel will generate up to 1GW - enough to power up to **750,000 Victorian homes each year by 2032**. Construction of the project will deliver lasting social, economic, and environmental benefits.

While plenty of important work lies ahead, today's announcement is an encouraging and meaningful step forward.

We look forward to continuing to work with governments, industry partners and communities, as we gear up to take part in Australia's first offshore wind auction.

Read the full release [here](#).

Next phase in environmental approvals

At the end of 2025, Blue Mackerel submitted a referral under the Environmental Effects Act 1978 and Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. Blue Mackerel's Environment Effects Act referral has now been accepted for processing. The Department has advised that the information provided is sufficient to inform the Minister's decision on Environmental Effects Statement (EES) requirements. We await Commonwealth and State assessments on our preliminary submissions and next steps. We'll keep you informed as this progresses.



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We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people, the Traditional Owners of the land and waters where the proposed Blue Mackerel offshore wind project will be located. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

We aspire to a genuine partnership with the Gunaikurnai people that delivers mutual benefit and enhanced stewardship of the environment for the benefit of present and future generations.

We acknowledge the rights and responsibilities of all First Nations peoples for their lands and waters where we operate