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Subject: 230622:1005 - [s47E(c)]-[s47E(c)] FEEDBACK – Illawarra Preliminary Area for Offshore Renewables
Date: Thursday, 22 June 2023 10:05:00 AM
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Hi s47E(c),

s47E(c) is currently acting AS so may not be available for the meeting. s47E(c) is the current acting Director until s47E(c) returns from leave in early July.

As you stated, there are quite a number of Defence activities in the Illawarra area s33(a)(ii). We are still waiting to hear back from all stakeholders hopefully by Tuesday next week, so unfortunately we don't have a full understanding of which we can discuss. Can we maybe look at having a meeting toward the end of next week?

Kind regards,
s47E(c)

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H s47E(c),

I just wanted to reach out to see if we could organise a meeting to discuss any initial thoughts on the Illawarra area. We are aware there is a lot of Defence activities in and around the Illawarra preliminary area, and that this could be quite similar to the Hunter. So we want to reach out early to get a feel for what may happen.

Please let me know some times that may work for you later this week, or early next week. We are happy to work around what works from your end.

Thanks,

s47E(c)

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Thank you s47E(c)

I have circulated amongst relevant Defence stakeholders for comment.

Kind regards,

s47E(c)

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Subject: FEEDBACK – Illawarra Preliminary Area for Offshore Renewables

Dear all,

Thank you for your department's assistance on the area declaration processes for the recent Portland area, and previous Gippsland and Hunter areas. As you may have seen, the public consultation process for the Hunter region ended in April and the Offshore Renewable Energy team is continuing to work on additional area declarations.

We are now beginning the area declaration process for a proposed area in the **Pacific Ocean offshore from the Illawarra region**. Currently the Minister is looking to announce the opening of public consultation for proposed area off the Illawarra region in August 2023.

Our team has undertaken an initial review the major constraints in the area and attached is a preliminary area for your consideration.

Your department's knowledge of existing users, activities, and stakeholders in the vicinity of the preliminary area is essential. It will assist our team in understanding whether the area could be suitable for offshore renewable energy projects - in particular, the installation, operation and decommissioning of offshore wind projects.

We are seeking your feedback to refine the area prior to seeking Ministerial approval to commence public consultation. **We are requesting your feedback by COB 30 June 2023.**

For this initial feedback, we are specifically looking for any areas to exclude from the proposed

area. We can continue to discuss other risks, sensitivities and issues related to the area as well as any conditions that may be required on licences in the area through the public consultation phase.

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Once we have received feedback from all relevant Government stakeholders, and any required changes are made, the revised area will be circulated to you. We will hold an Inter-Departmental Committee meeting in July, with representatives from all departments/agencies we are seeking feedback from, to confirm support for the proposed area, prior to us seeking Ministerial approval to commence public consultation.

Please note that there has not been a public announcement in relation to the Illawarra region. This **information, including maps, is to be kept confidential** and not shared beyond those relevant to this request.

We will be in contact with you shortly to set up a meeting, if needed, for more discussion on the preliminary area.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about this process or any information in this email, please reach out to myself or the offshore renewables team at

s47E(d) [@dcceew.gov.au](mailto:dcceew.gov.au).

Thanks,

s47E(c)

A/g Manager

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Preliminary Area for Offshore Renewables
Date: Friday, 21 July 2023 6:07:49 PM
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Good afternoon s47E(c)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's (DCCEEW) proposed Illawarra Offshore Wind Farm Area. I understand the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, has powers under the *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021* (OEI Act) to declare offshore areas as suitable for offshore renewable electricity infrastructure. I also understand the Minister wishes to begin public consultation with regards to this area in the first week of August 2023.

In response, I have drafted the advice below s47C

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To: s47E(c) [Gaddes, Shane](#); [Robb, Nathan CDRE](#)
Cc: s47E(c); s47E(c) [Sowry, Pat MR](#) s47E(c)
Subject: RE: Illawarra Wind Farm - Updated Map [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 9 August 2023 11:35:42 AM
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Hi s47E(c) and all,

Please find attached a shape file of the current draft proposed area for Illawarra that is being discussed.

I have also attached a powerpoint slide so people can see the image and some rough estimated numbers on size.

Cheers

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Thanks Shane,

Would the team also be able to clarify the size of the area that is being proposed, my understanding was s47C

Thanks

s47E(c)

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Hi Nathan

Great to see you too. We are working on that as we speak. We'll send you the PDFs and I am hoping my team can also provide the shapefiles.

regards

Shane Gaddes

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Hi Shane,

Good to see you earlier today. During the discussion s47C [redacted]
[redacted] Are you able to send through the updated maps/charts that you were using? That will give us the ability to better understand the impact on training so that we can answer the mail.

Cheers

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Commodore, RAN
Director General Logistics - Navy

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Date: Tuesday, 12 March 2024 12:16:00 PM
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Good afternoon s47E(c)

As discussed on Friday, I have now received advice from key SME's within Defence. It has been agreed that in lieu of s33(a)(i), the following condition should ensure that Defence equities are appropriately addressed in the planning and approval stages of any future proposal:

- 'Defence must be engaged through the approval and development stage of any projects'

Does this work for you? Happy to discuss.

Thanks

s47E(c)

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Subject: RE: DoD response to Illawarra Offshore declared area (BS47363505) [SEC=OFFICIAL]


Hi s47E(c)

Thank you for your reply. If you can provide any additional information that would be great.

s47E(d)



We could consider placing a condition on the declaration with words to the effect of:

s33(a)(i)  offshore electricity infrastructure must be determined in consultation with the Department of Defence.

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Thanks,

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Hi s47E(c)

I have requested stakeholder input into the s33(a)(i)  I will follow up with relevant stakeholders later this week.

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s47E(d)



Happy to discuss.

Regards

s47E(c)

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Hi s47E(c)

Have you had a chance to consider my email regarding s33(a)(i)

Regards,

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Dear s47E(c)

Thank you for providing advice to Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and

Water (DCCEEW) regarding the proposed Illawarra offshore wind area in your letter dated 14 November 2023 (attached) and for your time on the phone last Friday. As discussed, we are currently looking at options for the area.

47E(d), s33(a)(i)

Happy to discuss further if required.

Kind regards,

s47E(c)

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Good Afternoon s47E(c),

Please see attached DoD response with conditions regarding the Illawarra declares area.

Regards

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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water

**RE: CONSULTATION FEEDBACK – PROPOSED ILLAWARRA AREA FOR
OFFSHORE RENEWABLES**

Thank you for inviting the Department of Defence (Defence) to provide comment on the Illawarra Preliminary Area for Offshore Renewables (subject area) proposed in the Pacific Ocean region off Wollongong, NSW.

Defence has assessed the proposed area for s33(a)(i)

[Redacted]

s33(a)(i)

[Redacted]

Notwithstanding the above concerns, Defence is prepared to accept the proposed Wind Energy Declared Area as presented as part of the public consultation period, subject to the following considerations.

- a) Defence's acceptance of the proposed wind energy declared area is based on an assumption wind turbines s33(a)(i)
[Redacted]
- b) Defence must continue to be engaged with each windfarm proposal to ensure appropriate consultation on the construction of the wind farm and the technologies applied.
- c) s47E(d) [Redacted]

[Redacted] As part of any approval process for the establishment or operation of an offshore wind farm lease Defence would need to be closely involved in the operating window for s33(a)(i)

s33(a)(i)

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Should you wish to discuss the content of this advice further, my point of contact is s47E(c)
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Yours sincerely,

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14 November 2023