



## Notice of Proposal to Declare an Area Pacific Ocean off Hunter, New South Wales

23 February 2023

I, The Honourable Chris Bowen MP, the responsible Commonwealth Minister for the *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021* (the Act), make the following notice under section 18 of the Act:

- (a) I propose to declare an area off the coast of the Hunter, New South Wales, as identified by the dataset titled '*Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021– Proposed Area – Hunter, New South Wales*' available on the [Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's website](#).
- (b) I invite submissions from the public on this proposal.
- (c) Submissions are to be made via the [Consultation Hub](#).
- (d) Submissions must be received by **Friday 28 April 2023** in order to be considered.

**All areas declared as suitable for offshore renewable energy will be multi-user spaces. Offshore renewable energy projects must share the area with other users and interests.**

### Further Information

For more information on the area under consideration, see *Overview of the Proposed Area – Hunter, New South Wales*, and the *Marine Users, Interests and the Environment in the Hunter Region, New South Wales* supporting documents available on the [Consultation Hub](#).

A map has been developed that allows users to interact with the Hunter area under consideration and geographic information relevant to other users and interests in the area. The map, other tools, visualisations and data relevant to Offshore Renewable Energy in Australian waters are also available on the [Australian Marine Spatial Information System](#) portal.

### Indicative map of area

An indicative map of the proposed area is shown below. This map is a guide only, and is not a definitive representation of the area proposed to be declared. The exact series of geospatial coordinates for the area is available in the dataset titled *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021– Proposed Area – Hunter, New South Wales* available on the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's website.

