

RWE secures Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Feasibility Licence with expert guidance from Energise Renewables

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Kent Offshore Wind Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of RWE - a global leader in offshore wind - has been granted an Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Feasibility Licence in the Bass Strait off Gippsland, marking a significant advancement of RWE's commitment to delivering renewable energy projects in Australia. This achievement was facilitated by the dedicated support and expertise of Energise Renewables, a boutique clean energy consultancy firm based in Australia.

The newly obtained Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Feasibility Licence underscores RWE's support in building an offshore wind industry in Victoria. With this seven-year licence in hand, RWE is well positioned to develop their proposed up to 2,000-megawatt offshore wind project.

"We are delighted to announce the successful award of the feasibility licence, which represents an important milestone in our offshore wind journey," said Neeve Hodges, RWE's Head of Offshore Development Australia. "The guidance from and collaboration with Energise Renewables have been valuable in navigating the complexities of the Feasibility Licence Application process and positioning us for success in this critical phase of development."

Energise Renewables, a company dedicated to supporting the offshore wind industry in Australia, played a key role in preparing Kent Offshore Wind's Feasibility Licence Application. Energise Renewables provided bid writing and management services, as well as tailored technical expertise based on a deep understanding of offshore wind in Australia.

"We are thrilled to have supported RWE on this significant achievement," said Adam Thyboe, Partner at Energise Renewables. "At Energise Renewables, we are passionate about advancing the transition to clean energy, and this partnership exemplifies our dedication to supporting industry leaders in realising their clean energy goals. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with RWE as they progress with their offshore wind initiatives in Australia."

With the Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Feasibility Licence secured, RWE is poised to continue deepening its renewable energy portfolio in Australia, contributing to global sustainability efforts which in turn create a positive impact on the environment and communities.

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About RWE

RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With its investment and growth strategy Growing Green, RWE is contributing significantly to the success of the energy transition and the decarbonisation of the energy system. Around 20,000 employees work for the company in almost 30 countries worldwide. RWE is already one of the leading companies in the field of renewable energy. Between 2024 and 2030, RWE will invest 55 billion euros worldwide in offshore and onshore wind, solar energy, batteries, flexible generation, and hydrogen projects. By the end of the decade, the company's green portfolio will grow to more than 65 gigawatts of generation capacity, which will be perfectly complemented by global energy trading. RWE is decarbonising its business in line with the 1.5-degree reduction pathway and will phase out coal by 2030. RWE will be net-zero by 2040. Fully in line with the company's purpose - Our energy for a sustainable life.

RWE Offshore Wind

RWE is one of the world's largest offshore wind companies, with a more than 20-year track record of developing, building, and operating offshore wind projects efficiently. The company currently operates 19 offshore wind farms. Further new offshore wind farms with a total capacity of more than 4 GW are currently under construction in Europe and further offshore projects are under development worldwide. RWE wants to grow its global offshore wind capacity from 3.3 GW today to 10 GW in 2030.

About Energise Renewables

Launched in March 2023, Energise Renewables is an expert clean energy boutique consultancy firm. With a dedicated team of experts and a focus on excellence, Energise Renewables provides comprehensive support and solutions to clients in the clean energy sector, empowering them to achieve their clean energy goals.

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