

Commercial Fisheries Engagement & Co-Location Strategy



The Challenge

Current OEI regulations (draft) highlight that the existing rights of access, i.e. commercial fisheries, must be maintained wherever possible for installation and operation phases of Offshore windfarms.

Guidelines for safety and protection zones for offshore renewable energy projects both during construction and operation, may limit certain fishing activities where protection of assets is a priority.

There is opportunity to design effective co-location strategies that harness compatibilities between fishing and offshore windfarm operations.

Why Energise?

Energise has the expertise in fisheries engagement, science and management and is able to:

Utilise SMEs and contemporary research.

Document the existing fishing right holders, Commonwealth and State, fishing activity, target species and ecosystems supporting these fisheries.

Work with Fishery Managers (State and Commonwealth) and commercial fishers to develop a Fishing Co-Existence Strategy.

Adequately address OIR regulations, rights of access and safety matters.

Facilitate the establishment of Fisheries Co-Existence Working Group.

Apply Nature Positive strategies to enhance fishery stocks and habitats.

OUTCOMES

Commercial Fishing Co-Existence Strategy.

Agreed safety and protection zones.

Project design compatible with commercial fishing activities.

Fisheries Co-Existence working group established.

Opportunities to enhance fishery stocks and habitats understood.

