



About One Gippsland

Gippsland is a geographically, socially and economically diverse region. At approximately 41,000 square km, it is the largest region in Victoria. Home to over 270,000 people and six Local Governments, the region annually produces \$14 billion in Gross Regional Product (GRP).

One Gippsland is a peak regional advocacy body representing this diverse region.

We aim to connect the dots between government, business and community, while also collectively working together to champion the interests of our region and our people. It is our mission to create a thriving and dynamic region that harnesses the social, environmental and economic capabilities and assets.

Gippsland has remarkable diversity so that we can offer our community opportunities for a great lifestyle and access to services at all stages of life.

One Gippsland has the following ambitions for our region:

- Being **Australia's most liveable region by 2040**;
- **Raising the Digital Inclusion Index Score** to be in parity with Melbourne;
- Attracting an **additional 75,000 residents by 2040**; and
- Increasing the **annual Gross Regional Product to \$23.2 billion by 2040**.

Renewables and New Energy

Gippsland is rapidly establishing itself as the 'centre of excellence' in renewable energy. With our abundant natural resources and highly skilled energy sector workforce, we are ready to deliver a diverse range of renewable projects, including wind, solar, and emerging technologies. Gippsland is a leader in Australia's transition to a new energy future.

The future of Gippsland as one of Australia's key energy producing regions was secured, when Bass Strait was declared Australia's first offshore wind zone. The 15,000 sq km area from Lakes Entrance to south of Wilsons Promontory has potential to support more than 10GW of year-round wind energy generation.

One Gippsland supports moves that ensure our region continues to use our natural resources to power our country and to move towards a net zero future. We recognise the enormous economic opportunities from offshore wind, the activation of our local ports, industrial, commercial and residential land, and potential for regional diversification and potential for regional diversification.

Our organisation also recognises the potential for the creation of:

- **More than 3,000 jobs over 15 years** during development and construction;
- **3,000 ongoing operational jobs**
- A key mechanism to utilise latency in **skills and infrastructure**; and
- Potential to **create new industries and new infrastructure**, attract and retain workforce and expand business supply chains.

The Victorian Government has also created the State's first Renewable Energy Zone in Gippsland which is anticipated to unlock 3-4GW of renewable energy by 2029 – enough to power two million homes. The project is anticipated to create 2100 construction and 140 long term jobs and reduce up to 3.6 million tonnes of CO₂ annually.

However, it is important that investment in development of these renewable projects have a positive and intergenerational impact on the Gippsland communities who will support the progress and ultimate success of these nationally significant initiatives.



One Gippsland Priority Area – Renewables and New Energy

Priority Projects



Gippsland Offshore Wind Community Benefit Fund

Funded by all off-shore renewable energy and transmission projects: 100 percent of funds to be returned to the Gippsland region; Applications for funding must demonstrate community benefit, including legacy benefits; Fund to support regional and local community initiatives including:

- First Nations initiatives and projects;
- Education and training;
- Event sponsorship;
- Environmental projects;
- Community housing projects; and
- Locally significant projects.



Gippsland Offshore Wind Enabling Local Government Infrastructure Fund

A fund to ensure local communities and local governments are not burdened with the cost of the physical and social infrastructure required for development of the industry. The fund will enable local governments to provide infrastructure and support including:

- Roads, Rail and Ports infrastructure and maintenance;
- Community facilities and services;
- Community infrastructure projects;
- Strategic and infrastructure planning/civil works; and
- Economic development and Investment attraction.



Strategic and infrastructure Planning Support

A program to ensure Gippsland local governments are "land and infrastructure ready" to support the new energy transition including:

- Proactively planning for increased housing, commercial and industrial land and local infrastructure needs (physical and social) well in advance of new energy transition and establishment, to support investment and avoid adverse economic and social impact; and
- Leveraging and maximising local social and economic benefits from planned renewable energy investment, including during the construction, operation and maintenance phases of development.

Investment to include:

- Funding and resources to support the development of a 'land and infrastructure plan' for diverse housing, commercial land and local infrastructure needs; and
- Developing the South Gippsland ports, Barry Beach Marine Terminal and Port Anthony for these facilities to play a crucial role in development of offshore wind in Gippsland.



Gippsland Energy Price Reductions

Specialised energy plans to benefit local business. Power price reductions to incentivise establishment of new businesses and job creation associated with the new energy transition in Gippsland, including:

- Electricity cost reduction via the State Electricity Commission (SEC); and
- Cost reduction incentive based on job creation thresholds.



Further Information

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