

DECISION ON PROJECT

Decision under section 8B(3)(b) of the *Environment Effects Act 1978*

Blue Mackerel Offshore Wind Project

(Referral Number 2026-R02)

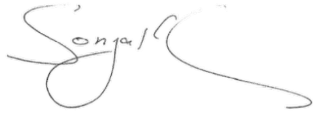
Assessment though an environment effects statement (EES) under the *Environment Effects Act 1978* **is not required** for the reasons set out in the attached Notice of Reasons for Decision, **subject to the following conditions:**

- a) A targeted **environment report** for the Blue Mackerel Offshore Wind project needs to be prepared by the proponent, in consultation with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) and Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) and completed to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning. The report needs to examine and document the following:
 - i. assessment of the predicted impacts (direct, indirect and cumulative) on biodiversity values (terrestrial, coastal, estuarine and marine) including native vegetation, ecology and habitat for threatened species and other ecological values, including listed communities and species of flora and fauna under the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988*;
 - ii. alternatives for the location and siting of proposed project infrastructure and works areas, and consideration of appropriate construction methods;
 - iii. the design and mitigation measures proposed to avoid, minimise and/or manage predicted impacts on values examined in the report;
 - iv. mapping that clearly articulates the full extent of project works, as well as values to be avoided (e.g. no-go zones); and
 - v. a draft **environmental management framework** that sets out the proposed environmental management commitments to address predicted impacts and how these would be governed through the different approvals required for the project.
- b) The environment report required under condition (a) should be used by the proponent to inform the form of the proposal that is examined through approval processes, where relevant, and the development of relevant management plans.

Notification

The following parties (proponent and relevant decision-makers) are to be notified of this decision:

- Blue Mackerel North Pty Ltd (proponent)
- Minister for Environment;
- Secretary for the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)
- Wellington Shire Council
- Heritage Victoria
- First Peoples-State Relations:
- Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation
- West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority; and
- Environment Protection Authority

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sonya Kilkenny', with a stylized flourish at the end.

HON SONYA KILKENNY MP
Minister for Planning

Date: 10/07/2026