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Bass Offshore Wind Energy project welcomes wind zone consultation process

Bass Offshore Wind Energy project (BOWE) has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon Chris Bowen MP of a consultation process to look at the creation of an offshore wind zone in northern Tasmania.

Located off the coast of north-east Tasmania, BOWE is a multi-billion-dollar offshore wind farm that is set to make good use of the opportunities offered by the world-class offshore wind resource in the Bass Strait and will result on the creation of hundreds of jobs and billions of dollars in investment.

Project proponent, Nexsphere CEO Glen Kierse said the announcement of a consultation process to create a Northern Tasmanian offshore wind energy zone is an important next step in the process.

“Stage one of the BOWE wind farm will generate an estimated 1,000 megawatts of renewable energy, enough to power over 325,000 homes, and will assist in meeting Tasmania’s 200 per cent renewables target by 2040, and in transitioning Australia’s grid to a low carbon future,” Mr Kierse said.

“Stage one of the project will comprise around 70 turbines ‘on the horizon’ in Bass Strait minimising their visual impact to the point where they cannot be easily seen from land.

“We’re committed to developing BOWE for the benefit of Tasmania. It will provide enormous long-term employment and investment opportunities and deliver significant growth for the State.

“BOWE will provide a major economic boost to northern Tasmania that includes ongoing construction and operations jobs, a corporate headquarters, research opportunities and marine engineering roles.

“Nexsphere will continue to engage with local Tasmanian communities and businesses during this consultation process and then design, licensing, construction, and operation phases of the BOWE project.”

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About Nexsphere

Nexsphere is an Australian-owned and operated company with a focus on projects that can significantly impact and accelerate Australia’s transition to a green economy.

Founded in 2017 by Glen Kierse, an international expert in infrastructure and energy development, and Leanne McDougall, a finance professional who is passionate about our natural environment, Nexsphere has brought together a highly credentialed team of renewable energy experts and consultants to help identify, fund and develop projects that make a real difference.

Ultimately, these projects will be responsible for delivering green energy solutions that help Australia reach and exceed its emissions reduction targets.

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