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# Gippsland New Energy Conference

Regulating offshore renewables:  
The journey so far and look ahead

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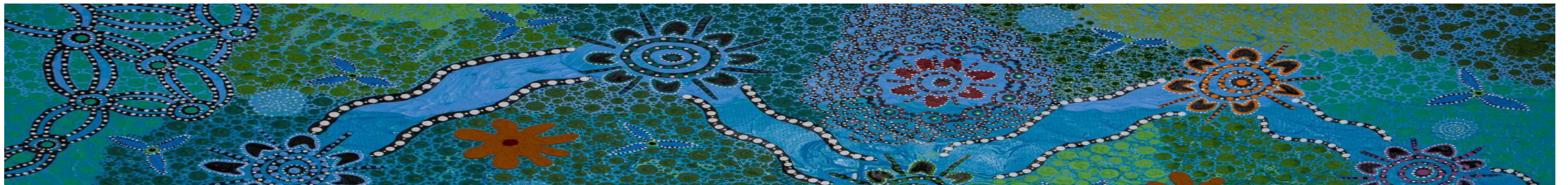
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## Acknowledgement of Country

We recognise the First Peoples of this nation and their ongoing connection to culture and country. We acknowledge First Nations Peoples as the Traditional Owners, Custodians and Lore Keepers of the world's oldest living culture and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.





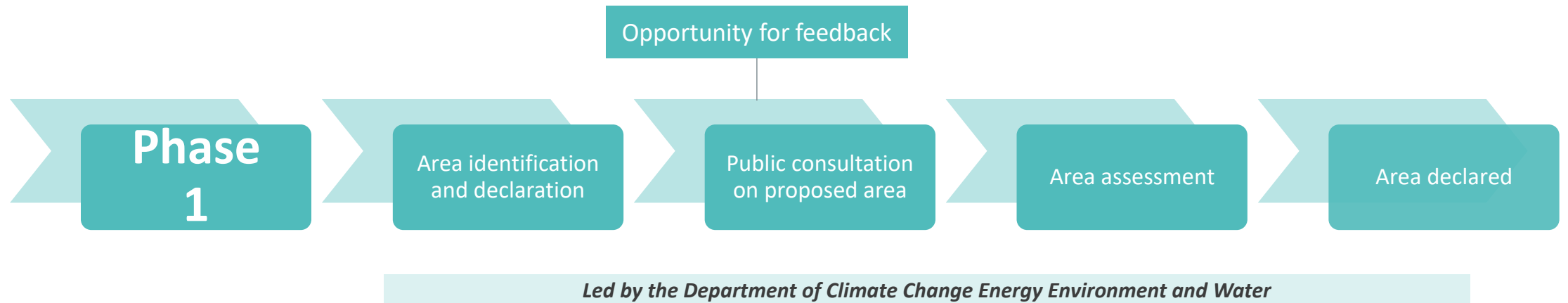
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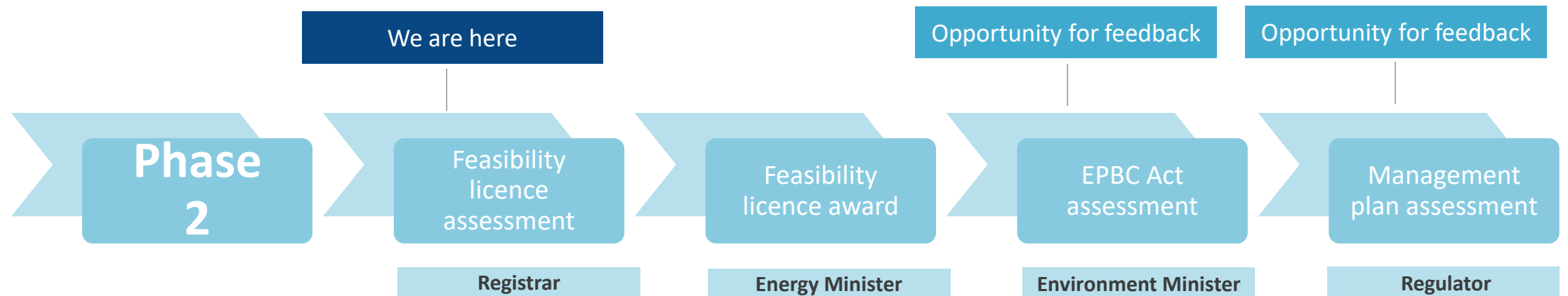
- An entity established under the *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021*
- The OIR has responsibility for overseeing the operational aspects of offshore renewables projects in the Commonwealth offshore area
- Oversight of work health and safety, infrastructure integrity and environmental management
- OEI Act administered by the Minister for Climate Change and Energy



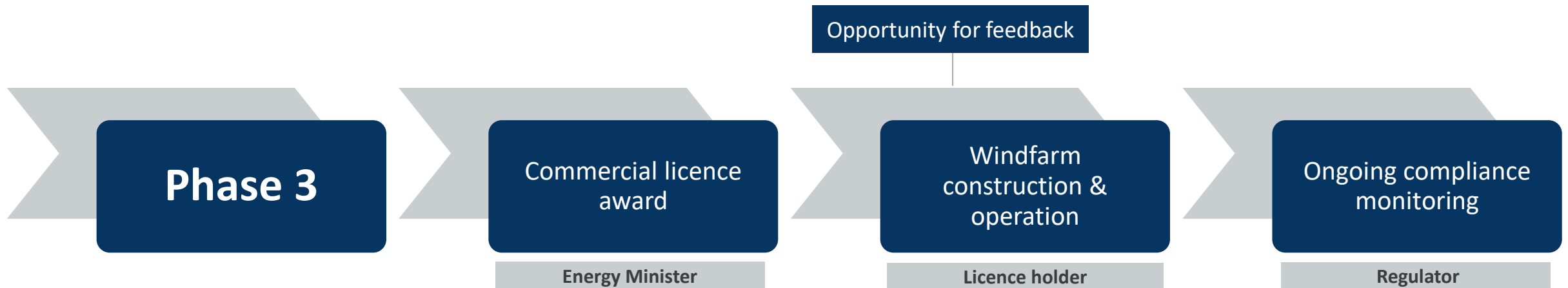
# Offshore renewables process – Phase 1



# Offshore renewables process – Phase 2



# Offshore renewables process – Phase 3



# Interaction with the EPBC Act

- Primary environmental approvals obtained through the Minister for the Environment under the EPBC Act
- Offshore renewables projects are subject to public comment processes through EPBC Act assessment
- OEI Act management plan must ensure consistency with EPBC assessment outcomes
- DCCEEW recently released guidance on key environmental factors for offshore windfarm assessments under the EPBC Act



# Management plans



Details how activities are proposed to be carried out under an OEI Act licence



Content will vary according to the licence and type of project.



Legally enforceable document and provides a basis to monitor ongoing compliance.



Revisions are required periodically or because of a change of circumstances or operations





## Looking ahead

- Groundwork for a safe, sustainable and environmentally responsible industry must be laid now
- Community acceptance of offshore wind contingent on performance of early projects
- Developing trust to do our jobs effectively and maintain a social licence





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