



THE SENATE

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Bill 2021 and Offshore Electricity Infrastructure  
(Regulatory Levies) Bill 2021**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Friday 1 October 2021**

| <b>Time</b>     | <b>Witness</b>  |
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| 9.00 am         | <p><b>Star of the South</b> (<i>Submission 31</i>)<br/>Mr Casper Thorhauge, CEO<br/>Mr Matthew Stuchbery, Head of Regulatory Affairs<br/>Ms Erin Coldham, Chief Development Officer</p> <p><b>Sun Cable</b> (<i>Submission 16</i>)<br/>Mr David Griffin, CEO<br/>Ms Georgie Skipper, Chief of Corporate and Government Affairs</p> <p><b>Oceanex Energy Pty Ltd</b> (<i>Submission 7</i>)<br/>Mr Andy Evans, CEO</p> <p><b>Macquarie Group Ltd</b> (<i>Submission 27</i>)<br/>Mr Anthony Lamb, Head of Offshore Wind Projects, Asia Pacific</p> |
| 10.15 am        | <p><b>Clean Energy Council</b> (<i>Submission 22</i>)<br/>Ms Lucinda Tonge, Policy Officer</p> <p><b>Smart Energy Council (no submission)</b><br/>Mr Steve Blume, President<br/>Ms Taryn Lane, Director</p>   |
| <b>10.55 am</b> | <b>Morning tea</b>  |
| 11.05 am        | <p><b>Beyond Zero Emissions (no submission)</b><br/>Mr Tom Quinn, Head of Policy and Research</p> <p><b>Blue Economy Cooperative Research Centre</b> (<i>Submission 4</i>)<br/>Dr John Whittington, CEO<br/>Professor Irene Penesis, Research Director</p>  |
| 11.45 am        | <p><b>Friends of the Earth Australia</b> (<i>Submission 23</i>)<br/>Mr Patrick Simons, Yes2 Renewables Community Coordinator</p>  |
| <b>12.15 pm</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |

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| 12.45 pm | <p><b>Electrical Trades Union and Maritime Union of Australia</b> (<i>Submission 30</i>)<br/>Mr Glenn Williams, National Vice-President and Newcastle Branch Secretary, MUA<br/>Mr Trevor Gauld, National Policy Officer<br/>Ms Penny Howard, National Research Officer, MUA</p> <p><b>Australian Council of Trade Unions</b> (<i>Submission 33</i>)<br/>Mr Liam O'Brien, Assistant Secretary<br/>Mr Mark Wakeham, Senior Advisor, Climate, Energy and Just Transitions</p>   |
| 1.30 pm  | <p><b>Regional Development Australia (RDA) Gippsland Committee and the Gippsland Regional Partnership</b> (<i>Submission 12</i>)<br/>Mr Richard Elkington, Chair<br/>Mrs Michelle Dowsett, Acting Deputy Chair</p> <p><b>Voices of the Valley</b> (<i>Submission 5</i>)<br/>Mrs Wendy Farmer, President<br/>Ms Marianne Robinson, Secretary</p> <p><b>Wellington Shire Council</b> (<i>Submission 6</i>)<br/>Mr Brent McAlister, General Manager Development<br/>Ms Kate Foster, Manager Economic Development</p> <p><b>Hunter Jobs Alliance</b> (<i>Submission 17</i>)<br/>Mr Warrick Jordan, Coordinator</p>  |
| 2.30 pm  | <p><b>Basslink Pty Ltd</b><br/>Mr Joska Ferencz, Chief Operating Officer</p>  |
| 3.15 pm  | <i>Afternoon tea</i>  |
| 3.30 pm  | <p><b>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</b> (<i>Submission 13</i>)<br/>Ms Kushla Munro, Head of Division, International Climate and Technology Division<br/>Mr Paul Murphy, General Manager, Clean Technology Division<br/>Mr Graeme Waters, Titles Administrator</p> <p><b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (no submission)</b><br/>Ms Maree Bridger, First Assistant Secretary, Surface Transport Policy Division<br/>Mr David Stephens, Director, Maritime Environment and Trade, Surface Transport Policy Division</p> <p><b>National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority</b><br/>Mr Stuart Smith, CEO<br/>Mr Owen Wilson, Project Lead - Offshore Energy</p> <p><b>Attorney-General's Department</b><br/>Mr Adrian Breen, Assistant Secretary, Safety, Compensation and Institutions Branch</p> |
| 5.00 pm  | <i>Adjournment</i>  |

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