Offshore Wind in Aotearoa

WAIKATO Offshore Wind SOUTH TARANAKI Offshore Wind





Pure Offshore Wind Player 33.1 GW



BlueFloat ENERGY

Our partnership

- 1. We believe in harnessing the power of offshore wind to accelerate the energy transition whilst maximising benefits for local industry and community.
- 2. We bring together complementary skillsets to combine global offshore wind expertise with local New Zealand energy system experience.
- 3. We are investing in growing local capabilities.



A leading offshore wind developer with a global pipeline of fixed and floating projects



A pioneer in the offshore wind sector in New Zealand

Our Strong Aotearoa Team

Combined expertise building a project team experienced in

- Project management and support
- Environment and consenting
- Technical, and
- Partners and stakeholders





Our development principles

- Partner with Māori, as kaitiaki, co-governors, owners and joint-venture partners.
- Focus on enduring beneficial communitycentred outcomes aligned with te ao Māori.
- Committed to biodiversity and marine environment restoration and regeneration.
- Collaborate with wider energy market participants and support common infrastructure solutions to reduce impact.
- Explore synergistic activities such as aquaculture and fisheries.
- Create and deliver skills, training and education.
- Prioritise local procurement and employment.
- Accelerate Aotearoa reaching its Net Zero targets.

Why offshore wind



Diagram 4: Comparison of hydrogen induced electricity demand with the Climate Change Commission's electricity demand arowth. Source: Ernst & Youna

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Project Concept

Offshore Wind

- 1. Outside marine mammal sanctuary
- 2. Access to grid & port infrastructure
- 3. Phase 1 810MW fixed foundation
 - 54x15MW turbines, 1-2 offshore substations
 - ~ 400,000 homes powered
 - Regional job opportunities
 - Operational early 2030s
- 4. Phase 2 1,125MW floating





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Typical Project Layout

- 1. Wind turbines are installed at sea and connected to an offshore substation with low voltage array cables. High voltage export cables bring power to shore.
- 2. The project connects to the national grid via overhead or underground transmission lines. Grid connection point and transmission route is not yet decided.



Foundation types

- 1. The choice of foundation is generally dictated by water depth and geotechnical conditions.
- 2. Geotechnical and geophysical surveys will be conducted after the grant of feasibility permits to determine the precise type of foundation adopted.



Foundation types



Turbine size



Project Phases





Skills lens...

Project Phase	Feasibility and planning	Construction	Operation and maintenance
Duration (years)	4-8	2-3	30-40
Type of job profile			
		Engineers (Project, Crane Inspection,	
		Electrical Commissioning, SCADA)	
		Cable Installation Specialist	
		Fabrication Specialist/Manager	
		Installation Technician	
		Rigger	
		Welder	
		Site Manager	
		Compliance Specialist	
		Marine Warranty Surveyor	Asset Integrity Engineer
		Chief Engineer	Blade Repair Technician
		Package Manager	Transfer Vessel Crew
		Construction Manager	Wind Turbine Technician
		Deck Supervisor	Wind Yield Performance Analyst
	Planning Manager	Crane operator	Mechanical/Hydraulics Technician
	Contracts and Commercial Manager	Marine (Coordinator, Steward, Master)	Coating Inspector
	Environment & Consent Manager	ROV Technician Machanical /Electrical Technician	Marina grow
	Pisk & Insurance Manager	Apprentice	Rone Access Technician
		Environment & Consent Manager	Radio Operator

Offshore wind regulatory framework

- 1. New Zealand does not currently have a regulatory framework to permit offshore wind development.
- 2. Offshore wind permit framework currently under development and expected to be in place by end of 2024.
- 3. Offshore wind projects will require:
 - 1. Consent (existing legislation)
 - 2. Permit (new legislation)
- 4. Detailed field studies (ie environmental, geotechnical) cannot begin until permits are granted (expected 2025).





Indicative Timetable

2024	2025- 2030	2031	2033-34
 Regulatory framework in place Preliminary engineering designs Environmental programme design 	 Feasibility permit Soil surveys Detailed engineering Environmental & cultural assessments Consent process 	ommercial ermit awarded onsent granted fftake finalised rid connection greement nal Investment ecision	 Project installed Grid connection completed Commence operations
	Ongoing community coSupply chain and workforce	nsultation e development	

Environmental considerations

Desktop review of environmental receptors Risk assessment

Define baseline survey program

Conduc baseline su

s Prepare C Lodge consent application Con: appro Ongoing monitoring









Metocean and Coastal Processes Underwater Noise

Benthic Ecology Marine Mammals Natural Fish and Shellfish Ornithology

Seascape, Landscape and Visual Cultural Heritage and Marine Archaeology Commercial Fisheries Shipping and Navigation Military and Civil Aviation Socio-economics and Tourism Other Considerations









Innovative technologies already in use to mitigate noise during construction



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Various technologies under development to minimise impact on birds

Depending on local species, this can include radar monitoring, acoustic deterrents, demand based lighting or smart curtailment systems

As the offshore wind industry grows more mature, detailed studies are providing better information about potential impacts which can inform improved future development decisions.



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Wind turbine foundations have the potential to support ocean biodiversity



Some developers are exploring the potential develop artificial reefs with offshore wind developments





100% Recyclable wind turbine blades now in production





Stakeholder engagement

- 1. Iwi and hapu partnerships, environmental input, cultural assessments
- 2. Central Government regulatory framework, infrastructure development, RMA reform, electricity market reform
- 3. District & Regional Councils economic development, resource consents
- 4. Supply chain and training institutions local capabilities, workforce development
- 5. Commercial fisheries potential impacts, co-existence, synergistic development
- 6. Local community groups potential impacts, community benefits programmes

Visual simulation – Ohawe Beach



Visual simulations for the Project have been prepared, with fixed-bottom turbines representative of the size proposed by the South Taranaki Offshore Wind Project superimposed on panoramic photos.

Visual simulation – Karioitahi Beach



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Visual simulation – Port Waikato



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