## Economy and Industry

## Renewable Energy Investment: Barry Beach Marine Terminal and Port Anthony

Barry Beach Marine Terminal and Port Anthony are identified by many Gippsland Offshore Wind Energy proponents as their preferred location for operations and maintenance, to service the industry into the future. The ports have been operating for over 50 years, supporting oil and gas industries in Bass Strait and are the only industrial ports within 10 hours sailing time of the Gippsland Offshore Renewable Energy Zone. A large parcel of land surrounding the ports has already been reclassified by Council as level 1 industrial land.

South Gippsland Shire Council is eager to work with Federal and State government to ensure Barry Beach Marine Terminal and Port Anthony can be used to support the renewable offshore energy industry in Gippsland. They are geographically closer than the Hastings Renewable Energy Terminal which presents significant benefits, particularly in relation to reduced freight costs and improved efficiencies.

## Our Request

## South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking:

- Australian and Victorian Government policy support, and investment, to realise this once in a generation opportunity for South Gippsland.
- Support to plan and prepare for the activation of industrial and residential land to ensure commercial investment attraction, industry development and workforce accommodation in South Gippsland.

Appropriate infrastructure, investment attraction, localised services and housing are required to enable the greatest opportunity for sustained success. This will support the anticipated employment and residential growth in the area and provide welcome social and economic benefits to the community. Renewable energy investment offers generational change opportunities for South Gippsland. We are seeking government support to ensure our region can capitalise on the potential investment whilst supporting our local community and preserving township character.



