Offshore Clean Energy Bill

Regulatory process map

For commercial projects:
- Application for commercial development
  - Pre-qualification
  - Payment of application fee
  - Competitive assessment
    - Potential Management Plan and bond for Feasibility Licence if infrastructure is required
    - Minister sets terms of the competitive assessment and any other conditions
  - Feasibility Licence
    - Exclusive option to develop site subject to meeting conditions and Management Plan
  - Management Plan
    - Up to 5 years to develop commercial
  - Management Plan
  - Payment of regulator fees
  - Assessment of plan by Regulator
  - Lodgement of decommissioning bond
  - Commercial Licence

For research, exploration and demonstration projects:
- Declaration of Offshore Energy Site
  - Application for Non-commercial Licence
    - Pre-qualification
    - Payment of application fee
    - Management Plan
      - Regulated for OH&S, Environment and asset protection
    - Payment of regulator fees
    - Assessment of plan by Regulator
    - Lodgement of decommissioning bond
    - Non-Commercial Licence

Management Plans expected to cover the following; the level of detail may vary depending on the licence sought:
- Intensive site investigations
- Agreements with other marine users
- Environmental Management
- OH&S
- Final design and engineering
- Final investment decision
- Site Plan
- Calculation of decommissioning bond

For an area to be declared, a spatial offshore area must be defined, and consultation and consideration must occur for:
- Existing users of a space
- Economic, environmental and social impacts
- Safety

Spatial planning and consultation

Permit for supporting and stand alone infrastructure:
- Application for Transmission or other Infrastructure Permit
  - Pre-qualification
  - Payment of application fee
  - Management Plan
    - Regulated for OH&S, Environment and asset protection
  - Payment of regulator fees
  - Assessment of plan by Regulator
  - Lodgement of decommissioning bond
  - Transmission and other Infrastructure Permit

Management Plans reviewed at least once every 5 years

Full cost of decommissioning

Permit may be tied to a commercial licence or non-commercial licence

Exclusivity:
- Exclusive
  - 30 year term
  - Issued with conditions
  - Can be renewed

Non-exclusive:
- < 10 year term

No separate competitive approval required

A Transmission or other Infrastructure Permit is normally tied to another title (e.g. Commercial Licence) but can be stand alone.