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## ABSTRACT

### **Complexities of assessment processes for offshore renewable energy projects that span multiple jurisdictions**

Regulatory frameworks are currently being established and adapted to service offshore wind projects throughout Australia's coastal waters. Will the framework be fit for purpose? Is the current use of bilateral/accredited/co-ordinated environmental impact assessments the appropriate mechanism for assessing/approving offshore renewable projects? The presentation will analyse the complexities of assessment methods for offshore renewable energy projects and explore how the extent and scale of assessments are assessed. The presentation will explore the use of proportionate assessment methods as a means to 'focus' environmental impact assessment and how these methods translate to developments across jurisdictional boundaries.

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

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