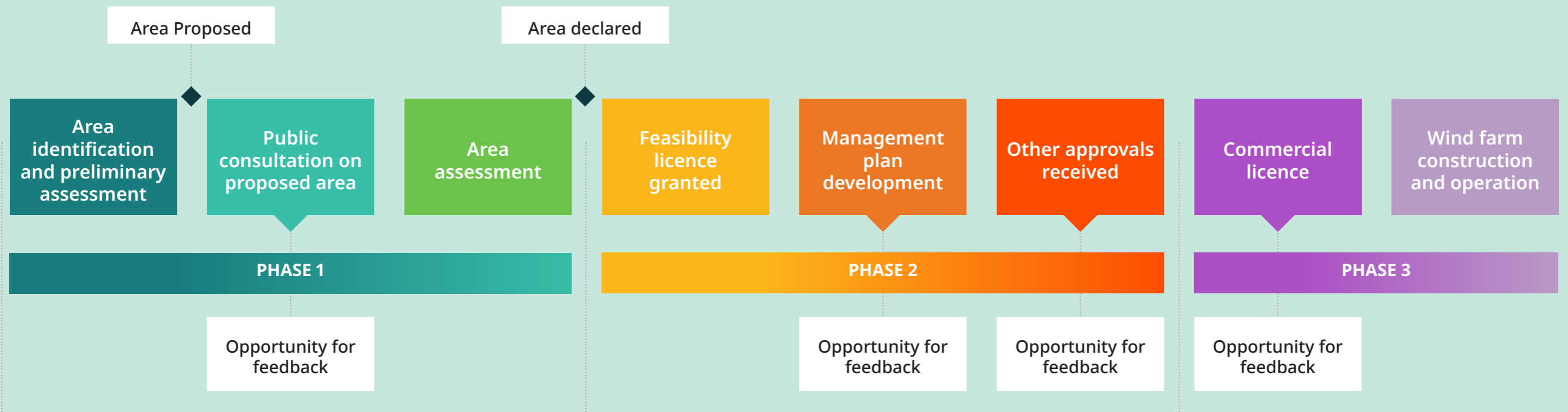




The Offshore Renewable Energy Process



- Process begins with consultation on a preliminary area with Commonwealth and State agencies, and key stakeholders begins.
- The Minister for Climate Change and Energy proposes an area for public consultation.
- **This is the first opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the area being proposed for offshore renewable energy development.**
- The public consultation period is at least 60 days.
- The Minister considers all public submissions, ongoing feedback from Government agencies and stakeholders, before making a decision.
- The Minister decides whether to declare all of the area, some, or not declare the area at all.

- Applications are opened for feasibility licences within a declared area.
- Applications are assessed against the merit criteria, before the Minister grants feasibility licences to successful proponents.
- Feasibility licence holders begin studies, acquiring approvals and developing management plans.
- **There is an opportunity for the community and users of the area to provide feedback on each specific project, which needs to be addressed in the management plan.**
- **There may be other opportunities for the community and users of the area to provide feedback for other approvals needed.**
- The management plan must be approved by the Offshore Regulator, and all other approvals must be received before a proponent can apply for a commercial licence.

- The Minister grants a Commercial Licence to proponents who have met all the required criteria.
- Proponents begin construction and operation of their renewable energy projects.
- **Feedback on each project can be provided throughout construction and operation.**
- Proponents must consider and address any concerns or issues that arise during construction and operation.
- Projects are decommissioned as per the process set out in the management plan.