Regulatory map – *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Act 2021* (Cth) and the draft *Offshore Electricity Infrastructure Regulations 2022* (Cth) – Declared areas and licensing

- **Prohibition of unauthorised offshore infrastructure activities**
  - Declaring areas for offshore renewable energy infrastructure
  - Declared areas
  - Varying a declaration
  - Revoking a declaration

- **Licences**
  - Feasibility licences
    - Assess feasibility and apply for commercial licence
    - 7+ years
    - Max. 700 km²
  - Commercial licences
    - Exploit renewable energy resources
    - 40+ years
    - Max. 700 km²
  - Research and demonstration licences
    - Research or demonstration of capabilities
    - 10+ years
    - Not limited to declared areas
  - Transmission and infrastructure licences
    - Storing, transmitting or conveying electricity/product
    - No specified term
    - Not limited to declared areas

- **Licence areas**
  - Application for licences
  - Offering and granting of licences
  - Extending and varying licences
  - Licence transfers
  - Cancelling and surrendering licences
  - Change in control

- **General provisions**
  - Merit criteria
    - Technical capability – availability of technical advice (incl. employees and consultants)
    - Financial capability – likely to have or able to arrange (incl. on an ongoing basis)
    - Project viability – commercial assumptions, costs estimates, commercial return and route-to-market
    - Suitability – past performance in offshore electricity infrastructure in Australia and overseas and corporate governance
    - National interest – impact and contribution to economy and community, national security and co-existence

- **Change in control**
  - Licence transfers
  - Cancelling and surrendering licences
  - Change in control

- **Declared areas and licensing**
  - Notice of proposal to declare an area
  - Public submissions (minimum 60 days)
  - Declaration
  - Declaration
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