

Otway Exploration Drilling Program

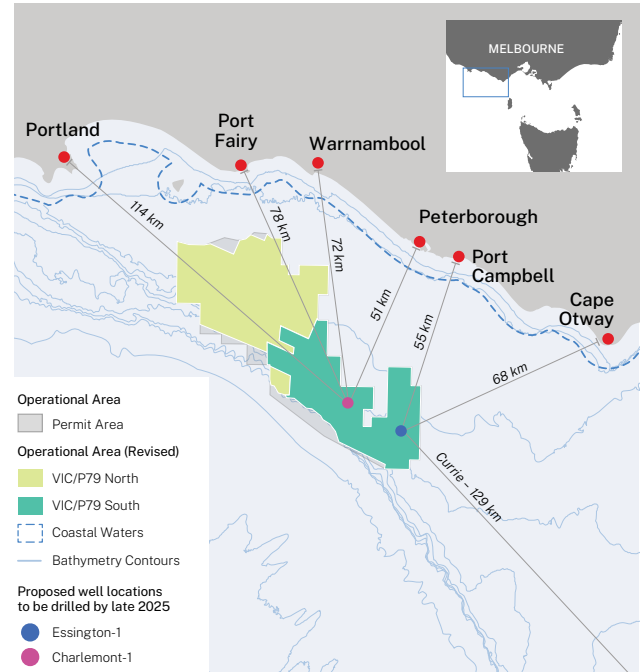
We are exploring the Otway Basin for natural gas to supply the domestic market and support Australia's current and future energy needs, ensuring reliable power generation, industrial processes, and residential heating.

Project Update as of 25 August 2025

- Pre-lay of anchor and mooring chains for the rig is expected to start mid September 2025
- Essington-1 drilling is expected to start mid October 2025
- Charlemont-1 drilling is expected to start between November and December 2025
- The cautionary zone surrounding both well locations has been increased to **3km**, this is in addition to the 500m radius Petroleum Safety Zone

Prior to the arrival of the rig, anchors and mooring chains will be deployed by a vessel at Essington-1 in September 2025 and at Charlemont-1 between September and November 2025. Once in position these will be marked with a surface buoy and navigation light.

The Transocean Equinox rig and support vessels are expected to transit to Essington-1 in October 2025 ahead of drilling the first well and then move to Charlemont-1 later in the year. The anchors and mooring chains will remain in position during drilling activities and will be collected within 3 months of activity completion at each well.



Exploration Activity Timeline



Pre-lay anchor and mooring chains

Sept – Nov



Drilling Essington-1

Oct – Nov



Drilling Charlemont-1

Nov – Dec



Collect anchor and mooring chains

Nov – Mar

ConocoPhillips Australia is part of an industry consortium that has contracted the Transocean Equinox rig (a Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit). Program timing is dependent on prior titleholder operations and sequencing of wells. Additionally, timeframes are dependent on weather and operational conditions. Minor adjustments to the well locations may occur.

Marine Users

Exclusion zones & vessel contacts

Please refer to the [Australian Hydrographic Office](#) for the official Notice to Mariners, which contains further information, including requested clearances from other vessels.

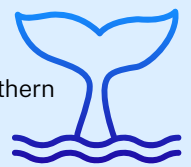
For more general information, please read our [safe operations guide](#) that contains details tailored for marine users.

Compensation

If you are a commercial marine user who has been affected by the Otway Exploration Drilling Program (once activities are underway or while the anchors and chains are in place), you may be eligible for compensation for displacement, loss of catch, or fishing gear loss or damage. Visit www.omicc.com.au for more information

Did you know?

We follow strict protection measures for southern right whales and other marine fauna and are supporting a southern right whale aerial monitoring program. Find out more [here](#).



Contact Us

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