



Gawler Ranges East and Whyalla West Call for tenders



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South Australian Resources Information Gateway (SARIG)

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A mapping portal delivering a range of open geoscience data, information and products for the mining, petroleum and exploration community. Available to landowners, native title holders and community, the portal is also a key information source, providing potential investors access to industry indicator statistics and renewable energy, mining, exploration project information, native title and other South Australian information.



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Acknowledgement of Country

As guests on Aboriginal land, the Department for Energy and Mining (DEM) acknowledges everything this department does impacts on Aboriginal country, the sea, the sky, its people, and the spiritual and cultural connections which have existed since the first sunrise. Our responsibility is to share our collective knowledge, recognise a difficult history, respect the relationships made over time, and create a stronger future. We are ready to walk, learn and work together.

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Introduction

The *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023* (HRE Act) is Australia's first dedicated licencing and regulatory system for large-scale hydrogen and renewable energy projects.

The HRE Act introduces a mechanism for renewable energy development over government-owned, designated land (pastoral land, prescribed Crown lands and state waters) called release areas. Government starts the release area process by working with Native Title groups and other landowners, representative organisations, communities and interest groups to identify areas of land that can sustainably host large-scale renewable energy development.

The release area process ensures development is strategic, sustainable, supportive of regional development objectives, and is the best use of the land, while co-existing with existing land uses.

Expectation for tender

DEM expects that applications will address **all Tender Criteria** as specified in the Gazette Notice and in accordance with the published tender criteria guidelines.

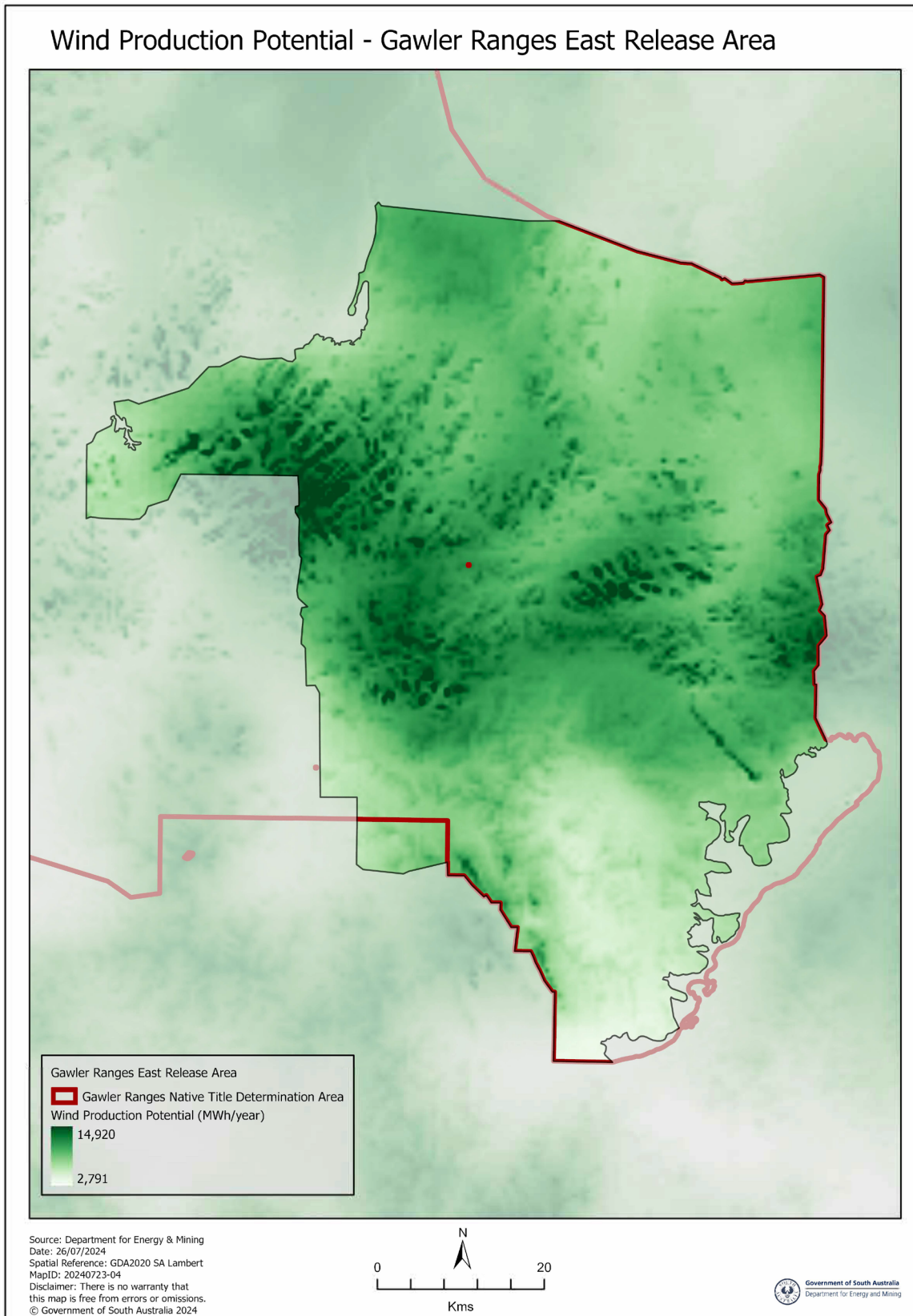
About Gawler Ranges East

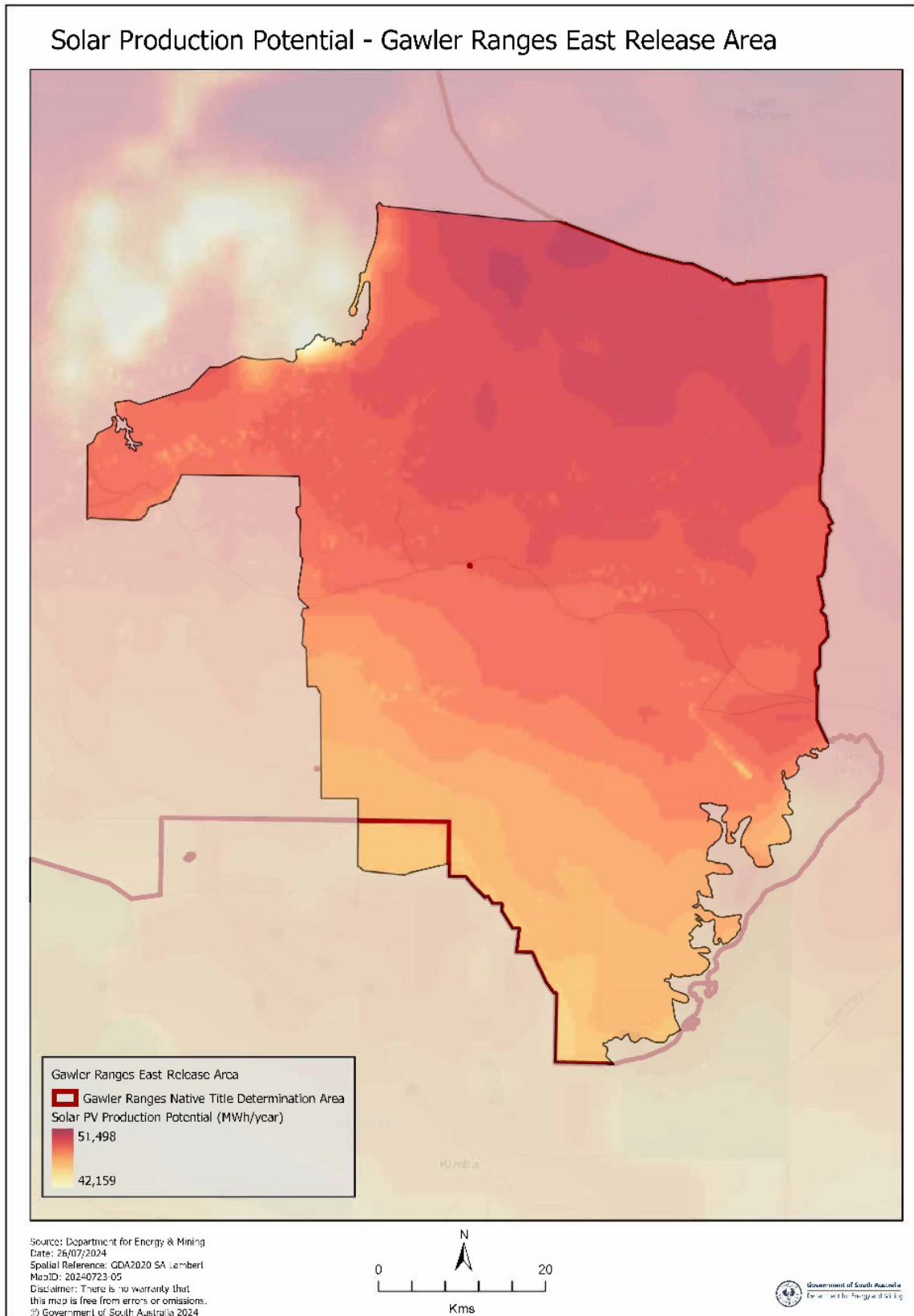
- Approximately 5,200 km²
- Gawler Ranges Native Title Determination Area
- Includes part or all of seven pastoral leases
- 15 km northeast of Kimba
- 80 km west of Whyalla at its southern point
- Adjacent to Lake Gairdner National Park to the northwest and Lake Gilles National Park to the southeast.

Resource tenements

The South Australian Resources Information Gateway (SARIG) can be used to identify any existing resource tenements.

<https://map.sarig.sa.gov.au/Shortcut/HydrogenRenewableReleaseArea>





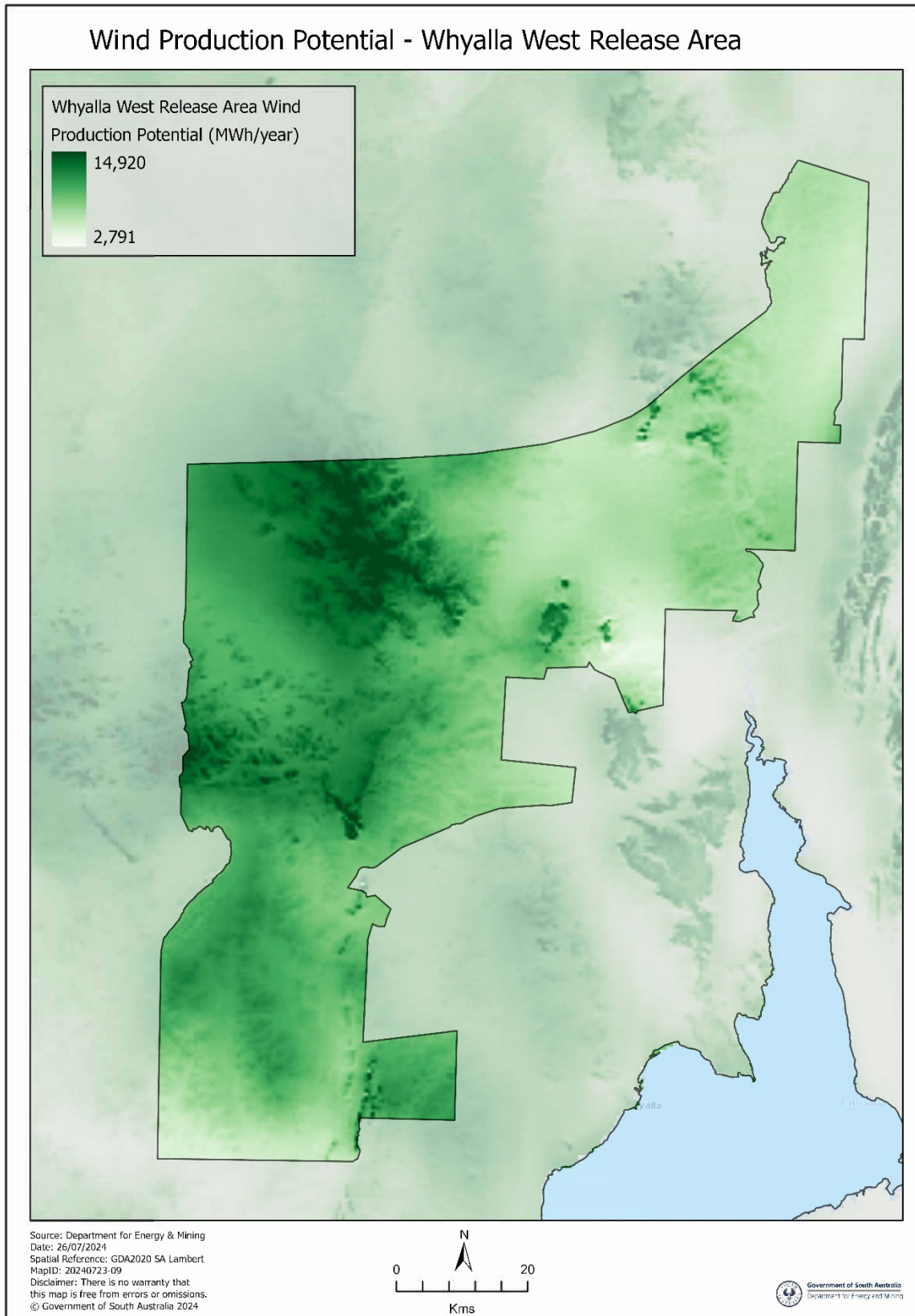
About Whyalla West

- Approximately 6,600 km²
- Barngarla Native Title Determination Area
- Includes part or all of 18 pastoral leases
- ~25 km to Port Augusta at its eastern point
- ~50 km to Whyalla at its southern point

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Biodiversity values mapping

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) developed mapping that indicates biodiversity values protected by state and Commonwealth environmental legislation and policies. The mapping prepared is indicative only and it is expected that successful applicants will undertake further investigations as part of their licence application.

Specific biodiversity values and legislation in the proposed release area include:

- native vegetation under the *South Australian Native Vegetation Act 1991* (Native Vegetation Act)
- threatened species and ecological communities under the national *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act)
- threatened species under the *South Australian National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* (NPW Act).

Gawler Ranges East release area

- [Native Vegetation classes](#)
- [Likely occurrence of EPBC Act listed species](#) and [number of listed species](#)
- [Likely occurrence of NPW Act listed species](#) and [number of listed species](#)

Whyalla West release area

- [Native Vegetation classes](#)
- [Likely occurrence of EPBC Act listed species](#) and [number of listed species](#)
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Further information

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