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## Notification of soil investigations

Proposed to be located off the south coast of Gippsland, the Star of the South has the potential to supply around 18 per cent of Victoria's energy needs and create a new industry with jobs and investment in Gippsland.

Several site investigations are now underway out at sea and on the land to gather important data and develop our understanding of the local environment and conditions.

**From 2 March, for approximately three weeks, Coffey Engineering will do soil testing on our behalf at 20 locations across Wellington Shire and Latrobe City, to find out more about ground conditions in the area.**

Data collected will help inform the project's feasibility, and initial planning and design work.

One of the important parts of the project is connecting the wind farm to the Latrobe Valley so we can plug into the grid. We need to do these investigations to work out the best spot for this connection.

We generally test the soil at different locations to understand changes in ground conditions from one area to another.

### What to expect

You may notice a small crew working alongside the road during the hours of **7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.**

Work at each location takes around four hours and involves:

- Marking out the work areas and checking for underground services
- Using a backhoe to dig two holes, up to 2.5 metres deep and spaced between 50-100 metres apart
- Testing ground conditions and taking soil samples
- Backfilling the holes.

Works will be low-impact. Traffic management will be in place at times, when needed for the safety of workers and motorists.

All soil sampling will take place on public land and will only be undertaken with approval from the relevant public land and road manager/s.

Works may be delayed or rescheduled in the event of bad weather.

### More information

If you have any questions or concerns about these works, please contact us on 1800 340 340, email [info@starofthesouth.com.au](mailto:info@starofthesouth.com.au), or visit [www.starofthesouth.com.au](http://www.starofthesouth.com.au) for information and updates about the project.



*Example work set up*