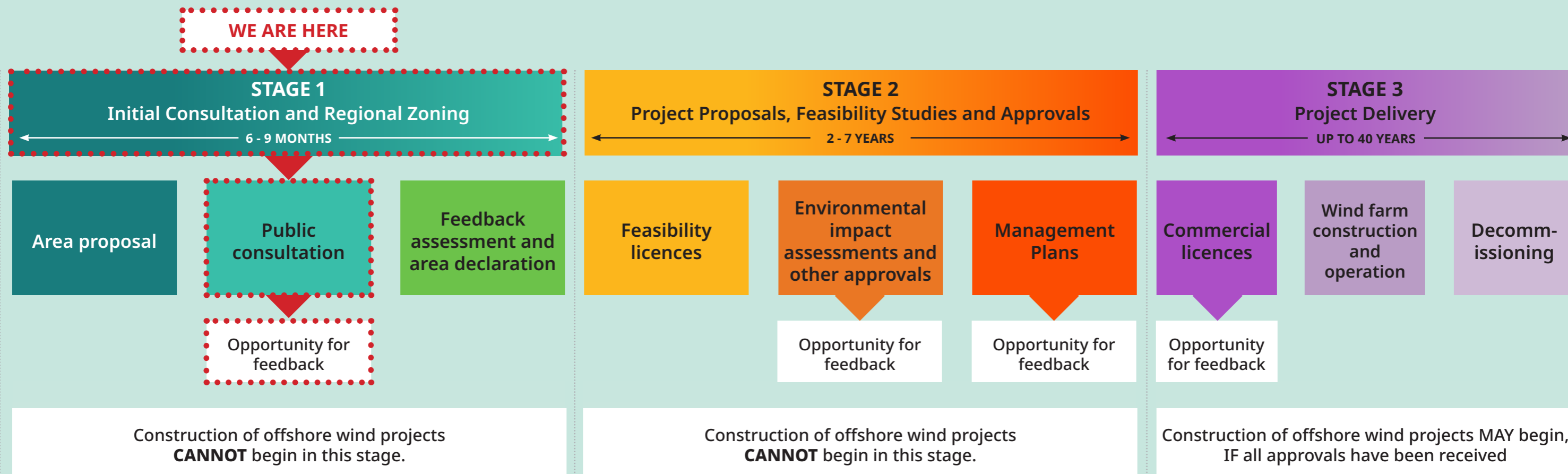


The Offshore Renewable Energy Process

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- The Government **proposes** an area for future offshore wind development. This area is informed by data and information from government agencies.
- You will be able to make **online submissions** on the suitability of the proposed area. **This is your first opportunity to provide feedback.**
- After considering all feedback, the Minister for Climate Change and Energy may decide to **declare** all or some of the area.
- If an area is **declared**, feasibility studies and further engagement would then begin.

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- Developers apply for **feasibility licenses**, which are assessed against merit criteria.
- Feasibility licence holders develop **specific project proposals** in more detail.
- Developers will seek environmental approvals required to undertake activities over multiple years of a feasibility licence.
- Prior to undertaking activities, developers require a **management plan** approved by the independent Offshore Infrastructure Regulator.
- Developers will consult with persons, organisations, communities, and groups that may be impacted by proposed activities, to develop their **management plans**.
- For approval, management plans must address any feedback from those impacted by activities.

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- Developers who have **completed feasibility studies** and **met other approvals** apply for commercial licences, which are assessed against merit criteria.
- Turbines are **installed**, wind farms are **operated** and **maintained**.
- Developers are responsible for **decommissioning** their projects at the end of their lifespans.