

Melville Waters Field Trial Officially Launched

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Bombora Wave Power has achieved a major milestone with the official launch of its mid-scale “Field Trial” on Melville Waters.

Sam Leighton, Bombora CEO said, “Testing this mid-scale wave energy collector in salt water is a significant step forward for the company. Bombora has previously completed small scale trials in a collaborative effort with the Australian Maritime College, four West Australian Universities and the Pawsey Supercomputing Centre. We are now in the advanced planning stage for a full-scale commercial scale trial at one of a number of prospective testing sites.”

“I have witnessed the company evolve from the laboratory and now move into field trials. So, I am eagerly looking forward to their proposed commercial scale trials in the near future”, said Chief Scientist of Western Australia, Professor Peter Klinken. “It’s fantastic to see local innovative companies, academics and research facilities collaborating, enabling them to play effectively on the world’s stage. The competition is global, so a collaborative ‘Team WA’ approach has helped make the company much more competitive.”

The mid-scale field trial takes the company from the laboratory and proves the function of the system in a real world setting. The trial also allows Bombora to test a number of system configurations to optimise the key design and control system features before launching into full-scale commercial scale trials.

WA Energy Minister Michael Nahan said “It is pleasing to see a company participating in the State Government’s Business Incubator program reach such an important milestone. Demonstration projects such as this are an important step in the commercialisation of new technology and this project is testament to the dedication of the people behind Bombora Wave Power.”



Energy Minister Mike Nahan declaring the field trial open.



Left-to-right: Minister Nahan, Sam Leighton (bombora CEO) and Marcell Soegiantho (Anoa Power associate Director)



Left-to-right: Shawn Ryan (Bombora Founder), Glen Ryan (Bombora Founder), Energy Minister Mike Nahan, Hon John McGrath (MLA), Sam Leighton (Bombora CEO)