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Senate Environment and Communications References Committee  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Secretary,

**Inquiry into oil and gas exploration and production in the Beetaloo Basin**

Following our appearance before the Committee's hearings on the above inquiry on Wednesday 28 July 2021 we write to address questions taken on notice.

Direct references below are made to the Proof Committee Hansard of the hearings.

**Grant agreement negotiations**

In respect of grant agreements in relation to the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program, the Chair said "we would be interested in knowing what those draft milestones and key elements of the agreement are." (Hansard page 44.)

The sample application form as provided by the AusIndustry (attached as "*Sample application Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program.pdf*") is the framework under which Empire applied. This framework encompasses all the key elements of the agreement that would need to be struck between a successful applicant and the Government.

As the agreement has not yet been finalized we cannot yet describe its key elements, but a sample agreement for this program is attached as *Sample Standard grant agreement Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program.pdf*

**Visit to Carpentaria-1 well site**

Various questions arose in relation to a visit to our Carpentaria-1 well site on Friday 16 October 2020 by the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction and other stakeholders.

On page 47 of the Hansard proof, in response to Senator McCarthy, we took questions on notice relating to a Country Liberal Party fundraising dinner held in Darwin on 15 October 2020.

Empire Energy did attend this dinner but did not organise it.

There was some evident confusion in Senators' questions about dinners adjacent to the visit to our well site. To be clear, the CLP dinner on 15 October was not connected to our site visit in any way.

Senator McCarthy asked whether our invitation for the Minister to visit our well site referenced the CLP dinner. While we were clearly aware the dinner was taking place, it was not referenced in our invitation to the minister.

On the evening of 16 October, after the site visit, a dinner was held in Darwin for participants on the site visit. That dinner was paid for by Empire Energy, just as we provided breakfast and lunch to participants earlier that day.

The Chair requested on page 48 of the Hansard proof a list of all people who were on the plane flight to our drilling site on 16 October 2020. That list is attached as "Empire Energy Carpentaria-1 guest list (October 2020)."

On page 49 of the Hansard proof, the Chair also requested the name of the employee of Elphinstone Group who participated in a subsequent visit to the well site. It was Mr Randall Wagner, Elphinstone's Group Financial Accountant.

**Environmental, social and governance policy**

On page 50 of the Hansard proof, I referenced that our Board has established a sustainability road map and is working on an ESG (environmental, social, and governance) policy. The sustainability road map is a framework for reporting to the board on our ESG performance. We will be happy to provide a copy of the ESG policy when it is complete and has been adopted by the Board as company policy.

Should you have any queries in relation to this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me on \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

Yours sincerely,

**Alex Underwood**  
Managing Director  
Empire Energy Group



## Sample application form

# Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program Grant opportunity

Version January 2021

This document shows the questions included in the online application form for this grant opportunity. It will help you prepare your responses and the mandatory attachments you need before you apply online.

# Instructions

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The online form captures the information required by the department to assess and manage your application for services and funding.

The first page of the application page contains the following instructions.

## Completing your application

The application consists of separate pages as shown in the navigation menu on the left hand side of the portal page. You can navigate between pages using the menu or the buttons at the bottom of each page.

You must use the Save and Continue button to validate the information on each page. If you use the menu to navigate between pages, you will be prompted on the final page to go back and validate all of the information you have entered. A green tick indicates a validated page.

A red asterisk \* indicates a mandatory question. A warning message may appear if you have not completed all of the mandatory questions or if there is an issue with information you have entered.

You can save your changes at any time by using the Save button. To prevent you losing your work you should save often. The portal will time out after 30 minutes if you do not save. Typing or moving your mouse does not reset the time out.

## Participants

You may invite others to assist in completing your application via the application summary page. To do this:

- Select the Participants button
- Enter the details

An email will be sent to the participant inviting them to assist with your application.

## Submitting your application

You must complete every page of the application before you can submit.

You must also read and agree to the declaration which advises you of your responsibilities.

Check all your answers before you submit your application. After you submit, it will no longer be editable.

## Internet browsers supported by the portal

We recommend that you use the following browsers for optimum functionality:

- On Windows: The latest versions of Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome
- On Mac: The latest versions of Safari and Google Chrome

## Getting help

If you require further assistance completing this form, [contact us](#) by email or web chat or on 13 28 46.

## A. Program selection

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Before you start your application, we need to first identify what type of entity is applying.

*Some programs we offer allow entities without an ABN to apply. The form is designed to accommodate these entities. However for this grant opportunity, an ABN is mandatory. If you do not have an ABN this grant opportunity will not appear in the program selection at the bottom of the first page and you will not be able to continue.*

If you are a trustee applying on behalf of a trust we will need details of both the trust and trustee.

Before you start you should have the following details ready if they are applicable to you.

- Australian Business Number (ABN)  
or
- Australian Company Number (ACN)
- Indigenous Corporation Number
- Australian Registered Body Number
- Australian Registered Scheme Number
- Incorporated Association Registration
- Co-operative Registration Number
- Charity status
- Not for profit status

Where applicable, international organisations will need to provide

- country of registration
- registration number

If you do not have an ABN we will ask you why you do not have one. You should note the following.

*If you are entitled to an ABN and do not provide it to us, we will be required to withhold 47 per cent from any grant awarded. If you intend to apply for an ABN you should do so before starting your application as you cannot update these details in the application form. If you apply for an ABN after you start your application you will need to start again.*

### A.1. Program selection

You must select from a drop-down menu the program that you are applying for.

- Field 1 select - Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program
- Field 2 select - Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program

*When you have selected the program, the following text will appear.*

The Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program (the program) is a component of the [Beetaloo Strategic Basin Plan](#) delivered under the Australian Government's broader Gas-fired recovery plan. The program is designed to encourage investment by accelerating exploration and appraisal activities in the Beetaloo sub-basin within a time-defined window. The program will run over two years from 2021-22 to 2022-23, with an aim to accelerate exploration efforts by the end of 2022.

Up to \$50 million is available for this grant opportunity. Applications can be submitted until the available funding for this grant opportunity is fully subscribed, or by 30 June 2022, whichever

occurs earlier. You must submit an application per well and can submit a maximum of three applications.

The minimum grant is \$750,000 and the maximum grant amount is capped at \$7.5 million per well.

You should read the [grant opportunity guidelines](#) and [sample grant agreements](#) before filling out this application. We recommend you keep the guidelines open as you are completing your application so you can refer to them when providing your responses.

You may submit an application at any time over the life of the grant opportunity.

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## B. Eligibility

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We will ask you the following questions to establish your eligibility for the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling grant opportunity.

*Questions marked with an asterisk are mandatory.*

- Do you have an Australian Business Number (ABN)? \*

*You must answer yes to proceed to next question.*

- Are you an entity incorporated in Australia and a trading corporation, where your trading activities:
  - form a sufficiently significant proportion of the corporation's overall activities as to merit it being described as a trading corporation; or
  - are a substantial and not merely peripheral activity of the corporation. \*

You must answer yes to proceed to next question.

- Does your corporation hold a petroleum exploration permit or retention licence from the Northern Territory Government, and have commenced all necessary approval processes to undertake petroleum exploration onshore ? \*
- You must attach this evidence later in this form.

*You must answer yes to proceed to next question.*

- Can you provide evidence from your board (or chief executive officer or equivalent if there is no board) that the project is supported, can commence within three months of entering into a grant agreement, and that you can complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding? \*

*You must answer yes to proceed to next question.*

- Can you provide evidence of how you will provide your share of project costs such as an accountant declaration that confirms you can fund your share of the project costs, including any ineligible expenditure?

You must attach this evidence later in this form. An accountant declaration template is available on [business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au) and GrantConnect. \*

*You must answer yes to proceed to next section.*

## C. Applicant address

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### C.1. Applicant street address

You must provide your street address

*When you start typing the address in the field you can select the correct one from the drop down list that appears. If it is not there you can enter manually.*

### C.2. Applicant postal address

You must provide your postal address

*When you start typing the address in the field you can select the correct one from the drop down list that appears. If it is not there you can enter manually.*

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## D. Applicant financials

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### D.1. Latest Financial Year Figures

- Has the applicant existed for a complete financial year?
- If no, enter the number of months completed in the financial year to date.

### D.2. Recent trading performance

You must provide the following financial information about the applicant organisation.

*We collect the following data from all applicants across all grant programs. We use this data to better understand your organisation and to help us develop better policies and programs.*

*All amounts must show a whole dollar value e.g. \$1 million should be presented as \$1,000,000. The turnover value must be that of the entity that is making the grant application (the 'applicant'), regardless of whether the entity belongs to a consolidated group for tax purposes.*

*These fields are mandatory and entering \$0 is acceptable if applicable for your organisation.*

- Sales Revenue (Turnover)

*Total revenue from the sale of goods and services, as reported in your organisation's Business Activity Statements (BAS).*

- Export revenue

*Total revenue from export sales, as reported in your organisation's BAS.*

- R&D expenditure

*Expenditure on research and development, i.e. creative work undertaken on a systematic basis in order to increase the stock of knowledge, including knowledge of man, culture and society, and the use of this stock of knowledge to devise new applications.*

- Taxable income

*Taxable income or loss as per the applicant's Business Income Company Tax Return form.*

- Number of employees (headcount)

*Number of individuals who are entitled to paid leave (sick and holiday), or generate income from managing the business. This should include working proprietors and salaried directors.*

- Number of independent contractors (headcount)

*Number of individuals engaged by the business under a commercial contract (rather than an employment contract) to provide employee-like services on site.*

## E. Project information

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On this page you must provide the detailed information about your proposed project.

*If your application is successful, we will publish some grant details on [GrantConnect](#) and other government publications. Published details include:*

- *name of the grant recipient*
- *a project title*
- *a brief project description and its intended outcome*
- *amount of grant funding awarded.*

### E.1. Project title and description

Provide a project title.

*Your response is limited to 75 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

Provide a brief project description.

*Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

*Ensure your project description focuses on your project's key activities and outcomes. Outline what it is you are going to do and how it will benefit your organisation.*

### E.2. Detailed project description and key activities

*This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.*

Provide a detailed description of your project including the project scope and key activities.

*Your response is limited to 5000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

You must also provide a project plan which you should attach later in your application. Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for the requirements of the project plan.

### E.3. Project outcomes

*This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.*

Provide a summary of the expected project outcomes.

*Your response is limited to 5000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

### E.4. Project duration

*Your project must be completed in line with the dates provided in the grant opportunity guidelines. It is expected that proposed exploration and appraisal activities will occur prior to the end of the 2022 calendar year.*

- Estimated project start date (no earlier than 1 July 2021)
- Estimated project end date (no later than 31 December 2022)
- Estimated project length (in months)

*The project length will be calculated by the start and end dates you enter.*

## E.5. Project milestones

You must breakdown your project into milestones. You should include the key activities occurring at each milestone. The start date of milestone 1 is the expected project start date. The end date of your last milestone activity will be the project end date. You will be required to complete the following fields. You can add up to 10 milestones.

- Milestone title

*Your response is limited to 100 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

- Description

*Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

- Estimated start date
- Estimated end date
- Expenditure estimate for each milestone

## E.6. Project location

You must provide the address where your project will be undertaken and the estimated percentage of project value expected to be undertaken at that site. If you have multiple sites you must add the address of each site.

*A project site must be a street address. Do not provide a postal address, institution or building name.*

- Project site address
- Estimated percentage of project value expected to be undertaken at site
- Project location latitude
- Project location longitude

## F. Project budget

### Project budget summary

You must provide a summary of your eligible project costs over the life of the project in a table as shown below.

*If you are registered for GST, enter the GST exclusive amount. If you are not registered for GST, enter the GST inclusive amount.*

*We only provide grant funding based on eligible expenditure. Refer to the guidelines for guidance on eligible expenditure.*

*The minimum project expenditure for this grant opportunity is \$3 million. Grant funding will be up to 25 per cent of the eligible expenditure. You must submit an application per well and can submit a maximum of three applications.*

*The minimum grant amount is \$750,000 and the maximum grant amount is capped at \$7.5 million per well.*

*You will also be required to attach a detailed project budget later in the application form. Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for the requirements of the budget.*

*NOTE: all fields in the table below need to be completed. If no expenditure please enter zero (\$0).*

Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Cost
Project expenditure			\$
	Labour expenditure		\$
		2021/22	\$
		2022/23	\$
	Labour on-costs (up to 30% of labour expenditure)		\$
		2021/22	\$
		2022/23	\$
	Technical project management (up to 10% of total labour costs):		
		2021/22	\$
		2022/23	\$
	Contract expenditure		\$
		2021/22	\$
		2022/23	\$

Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Cost
	Plant and equipment		\$
		2021/22	\$
		2022/23	\$
	Plant and equipment commissioning costs		
		2021/22	\$
		2022/23	\$
	Other eligible expenditure		\$
		2021/22	\$
		2022/23	\$
Total			

### Grant funding requested

You will be asked to enter the amount of grant funding you are requesting. Validations will limit your request to be within the grant opportunity guidelines.

### F.1. Source of funding

In this section you must provide details of how you will fund the project, other than the grant funding sought.

*The total of all sources of funding plus your grant, should be equal to your total project expenditure in the section above.*

*Your own contribution to the project is also considered a 'source of funding' and must be provided.*

You will need to provide the following information for all other sources of funding

- Name of contributor
- Type of contributor

*Contributors are divided into the following types*

- *Your contribution*
- *Other non-government contribution*
- Value of contribution
- Date due of contribution
- Description

*You may need to provide details around whether your contribution is sourced from bank loans, equity or cash flow etc.*

## G. Assessment criteria

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We will assess your application based on the weighting given to each criterion and against the indicators listed beneath each criterion. We will only consider funding applications that score at least 70 per cent against each criterion as these represent best value for money.

*The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide should be commensurate with the project size, complexity and grant amount requested. You should define, quantify and provide evidence to support your answers.*

To support your responses you must include mandatory attachments later in the application.

### G.1. Assessment criterion 1

*Your response is limited to 5000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

#### **The extent to which your project contributes to understanding of petroleum resource prospects in the Beetaloo sub-basin**

You should demonstrate this by identifying

- a. the amount of exploration and appraisal activities you plan to undertake and the timeframe of the project
- b. how your project will expand the understanding of petroleum resources in the Beetaloo region prior to the end of the 2022 calendar year and explain how this understanding will impact upon future likelihood of resource production
- c. that your project; will be delivered at least 90 calendar days earlier than would otherwise would have occurred in the absence of grant funding, or will be delivered in addition to your work program activities. You must outline your internal decisions, announced plans, and work plans disclosed to the Northern Territory Government.

### G.2. Assessment criterion 2

*Your response is limited to 5000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

#### **Your capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project**

You should demonstrate this by identifying

- a. your track record managing similar projects and access to personnel with the right skills and experience, including management and technical staff
- b. your access, or future access to, any infrastructure, capital equipment, technology, intellectual property and required regulatory or other approvals
- c. the level of technical risk associated with the project and how these risks will be mitigated
- d. a credible project plan and budget (see section 7.1).

### G.3. Assessment criterion 3

*Your response is limited to 5000 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

#### **Impact of the grant funding on your project**

You should demonstrate this by identifying

- a. how the grant will impact your project in terms of size, scale, timing, return on investment and project payback period
- b. the total additional investment the grant will create.

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## H. Project partners

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You must provide details about your project partners.

*For details about project partner contributions refer to the grant opportunity guidelines.*

You must provide

- Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Other registration number where applicable
- Business address
- Postal address
- Contact details
- Details of contribution to the project
- Project partner letter of support attached

## I. Application finalisation

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You must answer the following questions and add any supporting documentation required.

### I.1. Conflict of interest

Do you have any perceived or existing conflicts of interest to declare?

*Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for further information on your conflict of interest responsibilities.*

If yes, describe the perceived or existing conflicts of interest.

*Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

If yes, describe how you anticipate managing this conflict.

*Your response is limited to 750 characters including spaces and does not support formatting.*

### I.2. Program feedback

How did you hear about the grant opportunity?

*You may select from a drop-down menu.*

### I.3. Supporting documentation

*Files must be smaller than 2MB and be one of the following types: doc, docx, rtf, pdf, xls, xlsx, csv, jpg, jpeg, png, gif. Filenames should only include letters and numbers and should be fewer than 40 characters in length.*

*Please note there is a cumulative file size limit of 20MB for each application. For any issues please contact [business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au) or 13 28 46, or email [beetaloo@industry.gov.au](mailto:beetaloo@industry.gov.au).*

*You will not be able to submit your application until all mandatory attachments have been uploaded.*

You must attach the following supporting documentation.



- Evidence of support from your Board or CFO

*You must provide evidence from your board or chief executive officer (or equivalent if there is no board) that your project is supported, that you can commence within three months of entering into a grant agreement, and that you can complete the project and meet the costs of the project not covered by grant funding. Use mandatory template provided on [business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au).*

- Project plan

*A detailed project plan including the scope of the project, a timeline of activities (include gantt charts), a project feasibility analysis, relevant insurances (e.g. for well control, general business etc) and a list of all key management and technical staff*

- Project budget

*A detailed project budget that identifies costs under each head of expenditure and includes an explanation of how the costs were determined.*

- Evidence of funding strategy

*You must provide evidence of your funding strategy that includes financial statement, loan agreements, and/ or cash flow documents; include signed Authorisations for Expenditure.*

- Accountant Declaration

*You must provide an accountant declaration as evidence that you can fund your cost of the project. Use mandatory Accountant's declaration template provided on [business.gov.au](https://business.gov.au). If you do not use the template provided, you must include equivalent information and the declaration in your own document.*

- Trust deed (where applicable)

*Where you have indicated your entity type is a trustee applying on behalf of a trust, you must attach trust documents showing the relationship of the incorporated trustee to the trust. If your trust deed is too large or you cannot upload your document please contact us via [beetaloo@industry.gov.au](mailto:beetaloo@industry.gov.au).*

- Relevant permits and approvals

*We can only accept applications from corporations that hold a petroleum exploration permit or retention licence from the Northern Territory Government, and have commenced all necessary approval processes to undertake petroleum exploration onshore*

#### **I.4. Your ANZSIC code**

Provide from a drop-down menu:

- your organisation's main revenue earning division under the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification ([ANZSIC](#)).
- your organisation's main revenue earning class under the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification ([ANZSIC](#)).

#### **I.5. Indigenous organisation**

Is your organisation Indigenous owned?

*An organisation is considered Indigenous owned where at least 51% of the organisation's members or proprietors are Indigenous.*

Is your organisation Indigenous controlled?

*An organisation is considered Indigenous controlled where at least 51% of the organisation's board or management committee is Indigenous.*

## J. Primary contact page

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You must provide the details of a primary contact for your application. The details include

- Given name
- Family name
- Position title
- Email address
- Phone number
- Mobile number
- Primary address

## K. Application declaration

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In order to submit your application you will be required to agree to the following declaration.

### K.1. Privacy and confidentiality provisions

I acknowledge that this is an Australian Government program and that the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (the department) will use the information I provide in accordance with the following:

- [Australian Government Public Data Policy Statement](#)
- [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines](#)
- grant opportunity guidelines
- applicable Australian laws

Accordingly, I understand that the department may share my personal information provided in this application within this department and other government agencies:

- a. for purposes directly related to administering the program, including governance, research and the distribution of funds to successful applicants
- b. to facilitate research, assessment, monitoring and analysis of other programs and activities unless otherwise prohibited by law.

I understand that where I am successful in obtaining a grant, the financial information that I provide for the purposes of payment will be accessible to departmental staff to enable payments to be made through the department's accounts payable software system.

I understand that information that is deemed 'confidential' in accordance with the grant opportunity guidelines may also be shared for a relevant Commonwealth purpose.

The department will publish information on individual grants in the public domain, including on the department's website, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

## K.2. Applicant declaration

I declare that I have read and understood the grant opportunity guidelines, including the privacy, confidentiality and disclosure provisions.

I declare that the proposed project outlined in this application and any associated expenditure has been endorsed by the applicant's Board or person with authority to commit the applicant to this project.

I declare that the applicant will comply with, and require that its subcontractors and independent contractors comply with, all applicable laws.

I declare that the information contained in this application together with any statement provided is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, complete and not misleading and that I understand that giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

I acknowledge that I may be requested to provide further clarification or documentation to verify the information supplied in this form and that the department may, during the application process, consult with other government agencies, including state and territory government agencies, about the applicant's claims and may also engage external technical or financial advisors to advise on information provided in the application.

I agree to participate in the periodic evaluation of the services undertaken by the department.

I approve the information in this application being communicated to the department in electronic form.

I acknowledge that if the department is satisfied that any statement made in an application is incorrect, incomplete, false or misleading the department may, at its absolute discretion, take appropriate action. I note such action may include excluding an application from further consideration; withdrawing an offer of funding; using the information contained in the application for a fraud investigation that would be consistent with the Australian Government's Investigations Standards and Commonwealth Fraud Control Framework and/or for a grant under management, terminating a grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the grantee including recovering funds already paid.

I declare that I am authorised to complete this form and acknowledge that by including my name in this application I am deemed to have signed this application.



Australian Government

Department of Industry, Science,  
Energy and Resources

# Commonwealth Standard Grant Agreement

between the Commonwealth represented by

**Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources**

and

**<Grantee>**

NB: This is an example standard grant agreement intended for use with the <Program name>. The Commonwealth reserves the option to amend or adjust the form of the grant agreement.

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## Grant Agreement <grant number>

Once completed, this document, together with the Grant Details and the Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions (Schedule 1), forms an Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Grantee.

### Parties to this Agreement

#### The Grantee

Full legal name of Grantee	<entity name>
Legal entity type (e.g. individual, incorporated association, company, partnership, etc)	<ABR entity type>
Trading or business name	<trading name>
Any relevant licence, registration or provider number	Not applicable
Australian Business Number (ABN) or other entity identifiers	<ABN>
Australian Company Number (ACN)	<ACN>
Registered for Goods and Services Tax (GST)?	<GST status + if statement>
Date from which GST registration was effective?	<GST registered date>
Registered office address	<ABR registered address> <city> <state> <postcode>
Relevant business place	<business street address> <city> <state> <postcode>

#### The Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Australia represented by the  
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources  
of 10 Binara Street CANBERRA ACT 2600  
ABN 74 599 608 295

### Background

The Commonwealth has agreed to enter this Agreement under which the Commonwealth will provide the Grantee with a Grant for the purpose of assisting the Grantee to undertake the associated Activity.

The Grantee agrees to use the Grant and undertake the Activity in accordance with this Agreement and the relevant Grant Details.

### Scope of this Agreement

This Agreement comprises:

- (a) this document;

- (b) the Supplementary Terms (if any);
- (c) the Standard Grant Conditions (Schedule 1);
- (d) the Grant Details;
- (e) any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.

If there is any ambiguity or inconsistency between the documents comprising this Agreement in relation to a Grant, the document appearing higher in the list will have precedence to the extent of the ambiguity or inconsistency.

This Agreement represents the Parties' entire agreement in relation to the Grant provided under it and the relevant Activity and supersedes all prior representations, communications, agreements, statements and understandings, whether oral or in writing.

Certain information contained in or provided under this Agreement may be used for public reporting purposes.

## Grant Details <grant number>

### A. Purpose of the Grant

The Grant is being provided as part of the <grant opportunity name> grant opportunity.

<Grant opportunity objectives>

<Grant opportunity outcomes>

### B. Activity

The Activity is made up of the Grantee's project and all eligible project activities as specified in these Grant Details.

#### Project title

<project title>

#### Project scope and description

<detailed project description>

#### Project outcomes

<project outcomes>

The project will be located within the Strategic Regional Environmental and Baseline Assessment (SREBA) boundary, as defined by the Northern Territory Government.

In undertaking the Activity, the Grantee must comply with the requirements of the grant opportunity guidelines (as in force at the time of application).

The Grantee must notify the Commonwealth about events relating to the project and provide an opportunity for the Minister or their representative to attend.

### C. Duration of the Grant

The Activity starts on <project start date> and ends on <project end date>, which is the **Activity Completion Date**.

The Agreement ends on <agreement end date> which is the **Agreement End Date**.

#### Activity Schedule

In undertaking the Activity, the Grantee will meet the following milestones by the due dates.

Milestone number	Milestone name and description	Due date
<No>	<milestone name> <milestone description>	<dd/mm/yyyy>

### D. Payment of the Grant

The total amount of the Grant is <grant amount> (plus GST if applicable).



The Grant will be provided at up to <grant percentage> per cent of eligible expenditure as defined in the grant opportunity guidelines subject to availability of Program funds.

The Grant will be paid in accordance with clause ST2.

The Grant will be paid according to the following schedule. Payments are subject to satisfactory progress on the project and compliance by the Grantee with its obligations under this Agreement.

Payment event	Payment amount (GST excl)	Anticipated payment date
<Payment trigger>	<insert amount>	<insert date>
<Payment trigger>	<insert amount>	<insert date>
Total	<total grant amount>	

## Invoicing

The Grantee agrees to allow the Commonwealth to issue it with a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for any taxable supplies it makes in relation to the Activity.

## E. Reporting

The Grantee agrees to provide the following reports to the Commonwealth representative in accordance with the reporting requirements (Schedule 2).

<reporting table>

During the Agreement period, the Commonwealth may ask the Grantee for ad-hoc reports on the project. The Grantee must provide these reports in the timeframes notified by the Commonwealth.

## F. Party representatives and address for notices

### Grantee's representative and address

Grantee's representative name	<primary contact name>
Position	<primary contact position>
Address	<primary contact address>
Business hours telephone	<phone number>
Mobile	<mobile phone>
Email	<email address>

### Commonwealth representative and address

Name of representative	<CSM name>
Position	<CSM position>

Postal address	GPO Box 2013 CANBERRA ACT 2601
Physical address	<CSM physical address> If blank 10 Binara Street CANBERRA ACT 2600
Business hours telephone	<CSM phone>
Email	<Program email address>

The Parties' representatives will be responsible for liaison and the day-to-day management of the Grant, as well as accepting and issuing any written notices in relation to the Grant.

## G. Activity Material

Not applicable

## Supplementary Terms

### ST1. Other Contributions

ST1.1 In this Agreement, Other Contributions means the financial or in-kind contributions other than the Grant set out in the following table:

Contributor	Nature of Contribution	Amount (GST exclusive)	Timing
Grantee	< insert description of contribution, e.g., cash, access to equipment, secondment of personnel etc>	\$<insert amount>	<project end date>
<name of third party providing the Other Contribution>	<insert description of contribution, e.g., cash, access to equipment, secondment of personnel etc>	\$<insert amount>	<insert date or Milestone to which the Other Contribution relates>
Total		\$<total other contributions>	

ST1.2 The Grantee agrees to provide, or to ensure the provision of, the Other Contributions and to use them to undertake the Activity. If the Other Contributions are not provided in accordance with this clause, then the Commonwealth may:

- (a) suspend payment of the Grant until the Other Contributions are provided; or
- (b) terminate this Agreement in accordance with clause 19 of this Agreement.

### ST2. Activity Budget

ST2.1 In this Agreement, Appropriation means money drawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

ST2.2 The Grantee agrees to use the Grant and any Other Contributions and undertake the Activity consistently with the Activity Budget in the following table:

<budget table>

Figures in the above table are GST inclusive amounts less GST credits that can be claimed in relation to the expenditure.

ST2.3 Subject to sufficient appropriation being available, the Grant will be paid up to the Annual Capped Amounts over the financial years specified in the following table.

#### Annual Capped Amounts

Financial year	Annual capped amount (GST excl)
<Insert financial year: yyyy-yy>	\$<amount>
<Insert financial year: yyyy-yy>	\$<amount>
<Insert financial year: yyyy-yy>	\$<amount>
<Insert financial year: yyyy-yy>	\$<amount>
Total	\$<total grant amount>

ST2.4 The Commonwealth is not required to make a payment if it would result in the amount paid in a financial year exceeding the Annual Capped Amount for that financial year specified in the table under clause ST2.3.

ST2.5 In accordance with the Activity Budget under clause ST2.2, the Annual Capped Amounts may not be exceeded unless the Commonwealth specifically approves an increase of that amount under clause ST2.8.

ST2.6 Subject to this clause, the Grantee may reallocate expenditure in respect of categories of expenditure in the Activity Budget, provided it does not materially change the Activity, any Milestone(s) set out in this Agreement, or cause the Grantee to be in breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement.

ST2.7 The Grantee must give the Commonwealth:

- (a) at any time the Grantee wishes to request a variation to any one or more of the Annual Capped Amounts; or
- (b) if otherwise requested by the Commonwealth,

a revised Activity Budget in a form acceptable to the Commonwealth. The revised Activity Budget must clearly identify any proposed changes, including of any proposed changes to the Annual Capped Amounts, and explain the reasons for the proposed changes.

ST2.8 The Commonwealth may, at its discretion, approve or reject a revised Activity Budget provided under clause ST2.7 and/or any proposed changes to the Annual Capped Amounts. The Commonwealth's approval may be granted subject to conditions.

ST2.9 If a revised Activity Budget and any proposed changes to the Annual Capped Amounts are approved by the Commonwealth, then it will become the Activity Budget and, if relevant, the Annual Capped Amounts will be adjusted accordingly.

### ST3. Intellectual property in Activity Material

Not applicable

### ST4. Access/monitoring/inspection

ST4.1 The Grantee agrees to give the Commonwealth, or any persons authorised in writing by the Commonwealth:

- (a) access to premises where the Activity is being performed and/or where Material relating to the Activity is kept within the time period specified in a Commonwealth notice; and
- (b) permission to inspect and take copies of any Material relevant to the Activity.

ST4.2 The Auditor-General and any Information Officer under the *Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010* (Cth) (including their delegates) are persons authorised for the purposes of clause ST4.1.

ST4.3 This clause ST4 does not detract from the statutory powers of the Auditor-General or an Information Officer (including their delegates).

### ST5. Equipment and Assets

ST5.1 In this Agreement

**Asset** means any item of property purchased, leased, created or otherwise brought into existence wholly, or in part, with the use of the Grant, excluding Activity Material and Intellectual Property Rights.

ST5.2 The Grantee agrees to obtain the Commonwealth's prior written approval to use the Grant to purchase any item of equipment or Asset for more than \$5,000 (including GST), apart from those listed in the Activity Budget and/or detailed below:

<Equipment and Assets table>

ST5.3 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Commonwealth, the Grantee must ensure that it owns any equipment or asset acquired with the Grant.

ST5.4 Unless to the extent the Commonwealth agrees otherwise in writing, the Grantee agrees to use the Asset for the purpose of the Activity. The Commonwealth may give its agreement subject to conditions and the Grantee must comply with any such conditions.

ST5.5 The Grantee agrees to maintain a register of all Assets with a value of \$5,000 (including GST) or more at the time of the Asset's purchase, lease, creating or bringing into existence in the form specified below and to provide the register to the Commonwealth upon request.

Item number	Description	Total cost (including GST)
<i>Reference</i>	<i>Description of the equipment or asset</i>	<i>Total cost of the equipment or asset</i>

ST5.6 On expiration or termination of the Agreement, the Grantee agrees to transfer any Asset to the Commonwealth or a third party nominated by the Commonwealth or otherwise deal with the Asset as directed by the Commonwealth.

## ST6. Specified Personnel

Not applicable

## ST7. Relevant qualifications, licences, permits, approvals or skills

Not applicable

## ST8. Vulnerable Persons

Not applicable

## ST9. Child safety

Not applicable

## ST10. Commonwealth Material, facilities and assistance

Not applicable

## ST11. Jurisdiction

ST11.1 This Agreement is governed by the law of the Australian Capital Territory.

## ST12. Grantee trustee of trust (if applicable)

ST12.1 In this Agreement, **Trust** means the trust specified in the Parties to the Agreement section of this Agreement.

ST12.2 The Grantee warrants that:

- (a) it is the sole trustee of the Trust; and
- (b) it has full and valid power and authority to enter into this Agreement and perform the obligations under it on behalf of the Trust; and
- (c) it has entered into this Agreement for the proper administration of the Trust; and
- (d) all necessary resolutions, consents, approvals and procedures have been obtained or duly satisfied to enter into this Agreement and perform the obligations under it; and
- (e) it has the right to be indemnified out of the assets of the Trust for all liabilities incurred by it under this Agreement.

## ST13. Fraud

ST13.1 In this Agreement, Fraud means dishonestly obtaining a benefit, or causing a loss, by deception or other means, and includes alleged, attempted, suspected or detected fraud.

ST13.2 The Grantee must ensure its personnel and subcontractors do not engage in any Fraud in relation to the Activity.

ST13.3 If the Grantee becomes aware of:

- (a) any Fraud in relation to the performance of the Activity; or
- (b) any other Fraud that has had or may have an effect on the performance of the Activity;

then it must within 5 business days report the matter to the Commonwealth and all appropriate law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

ST13.4 The Grantee must, at its own cost, investigate any Fraud referred to in clause ST13.3 in accordance with the Australian Government Investigations Standards available at [www.ag.gov.au](http://www.ag.gov.au).

ST13.5 The Commonwealth may, at its discretion, investigate any Fraud in relation to the Activity. The Grantee agrees to co-operate and provide all reasonable assistance at its own cost with any such investigation.

ST13.6 This clause survives the termination or expiry of the Agreement.

## ST14. Prohibited dealings

Not applicable

## ST15. Anti-corruption

ST15.1 In this Agreement:

**Illegal or Corrupt Practice** means directly or indirectly:

- (a) making or causing to be made, any offer, gift, payment, consideration or benefit of any kind to any party, or
- (b) receiving or seeking to receive, any offer, gift, payment, consideration or benefit of any kind from any party, as an inducement or reward in relation to the performance of the Activity, which would or could be construed as an illegal or corrupt practice;

ST15.2 The Grantee warrants that the Grantee, its officers, employees, contractors, agents and any other individual or entity involved in carrying out the Activity have not, engaged in an Illegal or Corrupt Practice.

ST15.3 The Grantee agrees not to, and to take all reasonable steps to ensure that its officers, employees, contractors, agents and any other individual or entity involved in carrying out the Activity do not:

- (a) engage in an Illegal or Corrupt Practice; or
- (b) engage in any practice that could constitute the offence of bribing a foreign public official contained in section 70.2 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth).

ST15.4 The Grantee agrees to inform the Commonwealth within five business days if the Grantee becomes aware of any activity as described in ST15.3 in relation to the performance of the Activity.

## ST16. Step-in rights

Not applicable

## ST17. Grant administrator

Not applicable

## ST18. Management Adviser

Not applicable

## ST19. Indemnities

ST19.1 The Grantee indemnifies the Commonwealth, its officers, employees and contractors against any claim, loss or damage arising in connection with the Activity.

ST19.2 The Grantee's obligation to indemnify the Commonwealth will reduce proportionally to the extent any act or omission involving fault on the part of the Commonwealth contributed to the claim, loss or damage.

## ST20. Compliance with Legislation and policies

ST20.1 In this Agreement:

**Legislation** means a provision of a statute or subordinate legislation of the Commonwealth, or of a State, Territory or local authority.

ST20.2 The Grantee agrees to comply with all Legislation applicable to its performance of this Agreement.

ST20.3 The Grantee agrees, in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, to comply with any of the Commonwealth's policies as notified, referred or made available by the Commonwealth to the Grantee (including by reference to an internet site).

ST20.4 In carrying out the Activity, the Grantee must comply with the following applicable policies/laws:

- (b) All State, Territory or Commonwealth law relating to the employment or engagement of people who work or volunteer with children in relation to the Activity including mandatory reporting and working with children checks however described and, if requested, provide the Commonwealth, at the Grantee's cost, with an annual statement of compliance with these requirements in such form as may be specified by the Commonwealth

- (c) The Building Code 2016<sup>1</sup> (Building Code) and the Australian Government's Work Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme<sup>2</sup> (the Scheme).

## ST21. Work health and safety

ST21.1 The Grantee agrees to ensure that it complies at all times with all applicable work health and safety legislative and regulatory requirements and any additional work health and safety requirements set out in the Grant Details.

ST21.2 If requested by the Commonwealth, the Grantee agrees to provide copies of its work health and safety management plans and processes and such other details of the arrangements it has in place to meet the requirements referred to in clause ST21.1.

ST21.3 When using the Commonwealth's premises or facilities, the Grantee agrees to comply with all reasonable directions and procedures relating to work health and safety and security in effect at those premises or facilities, as notified by the Commonwealth or as might reasonably be inferred from the use to which the premises or facilities are being put.

## ST22. Transition

Not applicable

## ST23. Corporate Governance

ST23.1 In this Agreement:

**Constitution** means (depending on the context):

- (a) a company's, body corporate's or incorporated association's constitution, or equivalent documents, which (where relevant) includes rules and any amendments that are part of the constitution;
- (b) in relation to any other kind of body:
  - (i) the body's charter or memorandum; or
  - (ii) any instrument or law constituting or defining the constitution of the body or governing the activities of the body or its members.

ST23.2 The Grantee warrants that nothing in its constitution conflicts with its obligations under this Agreement.

ST23.3 The Grantee agrees to provide a copy of its constitution to the Commonwealth upon request and inform the Commonwealth whenever there is a change in the Grantee's constitution, structure or management.

## ST24. Counterparts

ST24.1 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts. All counterparts, taken together, constitute one instrument. A Party may execute this Agreement by signing any counterpart.

## ST25. Secret and Sacred Indigenous Material

Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> The Building Code 2016 can be found at <https://www.abcc.gov.au/building-code/building-code-2016>

<sup>2</sup> The Work Health and Safety Accreditation Scheme can be found at <https://www.fsc.gov.au/what-accreditation-1>



# Schedule 1: Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions

## 1. Undertaking the Activity

1.1 The Grantee agrees to undertake the Activity for the purpose of the Grant in accordance with this Agreement.

1.2 The Grantee is fully responsible for the Activity and for ensuring the performance of all its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with all relevant laws. The Grantee will not be relieved of that responsibility because of:

- (a) the grant or withholding of any approval or the exercise or non-exercise of any right by the Commonwealth; or
- (b) any payment to, or withholding of any payment from, the Grantee under this Agreement.

## 2. Payment of the Grant

2.1 The Commonwealth agrees to pay the Grant to the Grantee in accordance with the Grant Details.

2.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Commonwealth may by notice withhold payment of any amount of the Grant and/or take any other action specified in the Supplementary Terms if it reasonably believes that:

- (a) the Grantee has not complied with this Agreement;
- (b) the Grantee is unlikely to be able to perform the Activity or manage the Grant in accordance with this Agreement; or
- (c) there is a serious concern relating to this Agreement that requires investigation.

2.3 A notice under clause 2.2 will contain the reasons any action taken under clause 2.2 and, where relevant, the steps the Grantee can take to address those reasons.

2.4 The Commonwealth will only be obliged to pay the withheld amount once the Grantee has addressed the reasons contained in a notice under clause 2.2 to the Commonwealth's reasonable satisfaction.

## 3. Acknowledgements

3.1 The Grantee agrees not to make any public announcement, including by social media, in connection with the awarding of the Grant without the Commonwealth's prior written approval.

3.2 The Grantee agrees to acknowledge the Commonwealth's support in all Material, publications and promotional and advertising materials published in connection with this Agreement. The Commonwealth may notify the Grantee of the form of acknowledgement that the Grantee is to use.

## 4. Notices

4.1 Each Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party of anything reasonably likely to adversely affect the undertaking of the Activity, management of the Grant or its performance of any of its other requirements under this Agreement.

4.2 A notice given by a Party under this Agreement must be in writing and addressed to the other Party's representative as set out in the Grant Details or as most recently updated by notice given in accordance with this clause.

## 5. Relationship between the Parties

5.1 A Party is not by virtue of this Agreement the employee, agent or partner of the other Party and is not authorised to bind or represent the other Party.

## 6. Subcontracting

6.1 The Grantee is responsible for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including in relation to any tasks undertaken by subcontractors.

6.2 The Grantee agrees to make available to the Commonwealth the details of any of its subcontractors engaged to perform any tasks in relation to this Agreement upon request.

## 7. Conflict of interest

7.1 Other than those which have already been disclosed to the Commonwealth, the Grantee warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, at the date of this Agreement, neither it nor its officers have any actual, perceived or potential conflicts of interest in relation to the Activity.

7.2 If during the term of the Agreement, any actual, perceived or potential conflict arises or there is any material change to a previously disclosed conflict of interest, the Grantee agrees to:

- (a) notify the Commonwealth promptly and make full disclosure of all relevant information relating to the conflict; and
- (b) take any steps the Commonwealth reasonably requires to resolve or otherwise deal with that conflict.

## 8. Variation, assignment and waiver

8.1 This Agreement may be varied in writing only, signed by both Parties.

8.2 The Grantee cannot assign its obligations, and agrees not to assign its rights, under this Agreement without the Commonwealth's prior approval.

8.3 The Grantee agrees not to enter into negotiations with any other person for the purposes of entering into an arrangement that will require novation of, or involve any assignment of rights under, this Agreement without first consulting the Commonwealth.

8.4 A waiver by a Party of any of its rights under this Agreement is only effective if it is in a signed written notice to the other Party and then only to the extent specified in that notice.

## 9. Taxes, duties and government charges

9.1 The Grantee agrees to pay all taxes, duties and government charges imposed or levied in Australia or overseas in connection with the performance of this Agreement, except as provided by this Agreement.

9.2 If Goods and Services Tax (GST) is payable by a supplier on any supply made under this Agreement, the recipient of the supply will pay to the supplier an amount equal to the GST payable on the supply, in addition to and at the same time that the consideration for the supply is to be provided under this Agreement.

9.3 The Parties acknowledge and agree that they each:

- (a) are registered for GST purposes;
- (b) have quoted their Australian Business Number to the other; and
- (c) must notify the other of any changes to the matters covered by this clause.

9.4 The Grantee agrees that the Commonwealth will issue it with a recipient created tax invoice for any taxable supply it makes under this Agreement.

9.5 The Grantee agrees not to issue tax invoices in respect of any taxable supplies.

9.6 If the Grantee is not, or not required to be, registered for GST, then:

- (a) clauses 9.3(a), 9.4 and 9.5 do not apply; and
- (b) the Grantee agrees to notify the Commonwealth in writing within 7 days of becoming registered for GST if during the term of the Agreement it becomes, or is required to become, registered for GST.

## 10. Spending the Grant

10.1 The Grantee agrees to spend the Grant for the purpose of performing the Activity and otherwise in accordance with this Agreement.

10.2 Within 90 days after the Activity Completion Date, the Grantee agrees to provide the Commonwealth with an independently audited financial acquittal report verifying that the Grant has been spent in accordance with this Agreement.

10.3 The reports under clause 10.2 must be audited by:

- (a) a Registered Company Auditor registered under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth); or
- (b) a certified Practising Accountant; or
- (c) a member of the Institute of Public Accountants; or
- (d) a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand;

who is not a principal member, shareholder, officer or employee of the Grantee or a related body corporate.

## 11. Repayment

11.1 If any amount of the Grant:

- (a) has been spent other than in accordance with this Agreement; or
- (b) is additional to the requirements of the Activity

then the Commonwealth may, by written notice:

- (c) require the Grantee to repay that amount to the Commonwealth;
- (d) require the Grantee to deal with that amount as directed by the Commonwealth; or
- (e) deduct the amount from subsequent payments of the Grant or amounts payable under another agreement between the Grantee and the Commonwealth.

11.2 If the Commonwealth issues a notice under this Agreement requiring the Grantee to repay a Grant amount:

- (a) the Grantee must do so within the time period specified in the notice;

- (b) the Grantee must pay interest on any part of the amount that is outstanding at the end of the time period specified in the notice until the outstanding amount is repaid in full; and
- (c) the Commonwealth may recover the amount and any interest under this Agreement as a debt due to the Commonwealth without further proof of the debt being required.

## 12. Record keeping

12.1 The Grantee agrees to keep financial accounts and other records that:

- (a) detail and document the conduct and management of the Activity;
- (b) identify the receipt and expenditure of the Grant and any Other Contributions separately within the Grantee's accounts and records so that at all times the Grant is identifiable;
- (c) enable all receipts and payments related to the Activity to be identified and reported.

12.2 The Grantee agrees to keep the records for five years after the Activity Completion Date or such other time specified in the Grant Details and provide copies of the records to the Commonwealth upon request.

## 13. Reporting and liaison

13.1 The Grantee agrees to provide the Reporting Material specified in the Grant Details to the Commonwealth.

13.2 In addition to the obligations in clause 13.1, the Grantee agrees to:

- (a) liaise with and provide information to the Commonwealth as reasonably required by the Commonwealth; and
- (b) comply with the Commonwealth's reasonable requests, directions, or monitoring requirements,

in relation to the Activity.

13.3 If the Commonwealth acting reasonably has concerns regarding the performance of the Activity or the management of the Grant, the Commonwealth may by written notice require the Grantee to provide one or more additional reports, containing the information and by the date(s) specified in the notice.

13.4 The Grantee acknowledges that the giving of false or misleading information to the Commonwealth is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

## 14. Privacy

14.1 When dealing with Personal Information in carrying out the Activity, the Grantee agrees:

- (a) to comply with the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth);
- (b) not to do anything which, if done by the Commonwealth, would be a breach of an Australian Privacy Principle;
- (c) to ensure that any of the Grantee's subcontractors or personnel who deal with Personal Information for the purposes of this Agreement are aware of the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and the Grantee's obligations under this clause;

- (d) to immediately notify the Commonwealth if the Grantee becomes aware of an actual or possible breach of this clause by the Grantee or any of the Grantee's subcontractors or personnel.

14.2 In carrying out the Activity, the Grantee agrees not to send any Personal Information outside of Australia without the Commonwealth's prior written approval. The Commonwealth may impose any conditions it considers appropriate when giving its approval.

## 15. Confidentiality

15.1 The Parties agree not to disclose each other's confidential information without the other Party's prior written consent unless required or authorised by law or Parliament to disclose.

15.2 The Commonwealth may disclose the Grantee's confidential information where;

- (a) the Commonwealth is providing information about the Activity or Grant in accordance with Commonwealth accountability and reporting requirements;
- (b) the Commonwealth is disclosing the information to a Minister of the Australian Government, a House or Committee of the Commonwealth Parliament; or
- (c) the Commonwealth is disclosing the information to its personnel or another Commonwealth agency where this serves the Commonwealth's legitimate interests.

## 16. Insurance

16.1 The Grantee agrees to maintain adequate insurance for as long as any obligations remain in connection with this Agreement and provide proof of insurance to the Commonwealth upon request.

## 17. Intellectual property

17.1 Subject to clause 17.2, the Grantee owns the Intellectual Property Rights in Activity Material and Reporting Material.

17.2 This Agreement does not affect the ownership of Intellectual Property Rights in Existing Material.

17.3 The Grantee provides the Commonwealth a permanent, non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free licence to use, modify, communicate, reproduce, publish, adapt and sub-license the Reporting Material for Commonwealth Purposes.

17.4 The licence in clause 17.3 does not apply to Activity Material.

## 18. Dispute resolution

18.1 The Parties agree not to initiate legal proceedings in relation to a dispute arising under this Agreement unless they have first tried and failed to resolve the dispute by negotiation.

18.2 Unless clause 18.3 applies, the Parties agree to continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement when a dispute exists.

18.3 The Parties may agree to suspend performance of the Agreement pending resolution of the dispute.

18.4 Failing settlement by negotiation in accordance with clause 18.1, the Parties may agree to refer the dispute to an independent third person with power to intervene and direct some form of

resolution, in which case the Parties will be bound by that resolution. If the Parties do not agree to refer the dispute to an independent third person, either Party may initiate legal proceedings.

18.5 Each Party will bear their own costs in complying with this clause 18, and the Parties will share equally the cost of any third person engaged under clause 18.4.

18.6 The procedure for dispute resolution under this clause does not apply to any action relating to termination, cancellation or urgent interlocutory relief.

## 19. Reduction, Suspension and Termination

### 19.1 Reduction in scope of agreement for fault

19.1.1 If the Grantee does not comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is incapable of remedy, or if the Grantee has failed to comply with a notice to remedy, the Commonwealth may by written notice reduce the scope of the Agreement.

19.1.2 The Grantee agrees, on receipt of the notice of reduction, to:

- (a) stop or reduce the performance of the Grantee's obligations as specified in the notice;
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from the reduction;
- (c) continue performing any part of the Activity or the Agreement not affected by the notice if requested to do so by the Commonwealth;
- (d) report on, and return any part of the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

19.1.3 In the event of reduction under clause 19.1.1, the amount of the Grant will be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the scope of the Agreement.

### 19.2 Suspension

19.2.1 If:

- (a) the Grantee does not comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is capable of remedy;
- (b) the Commonwealth reasonably believes that the Grantee is unlikely to be able to perform the Activity or manage the Grant in accordance with this Agreement; or
- (c) the Commonwealth reasonably believes that there is a serious concern relating to this Agreement that requires investigation;

the Commonwealth may by written notice:

- (d) immediately suspend the Grantee from further performance of the Agreement (including expenditure of the Grant); and/or
- (e) require that the non-compliance or inability be remedied, or the investigation be completed, within the time specified in the notice.

19.2.2 If the Grantee:

- (a) remedies the non-compliance or inability specified in the notice to the Commonwealth's reasonable satisfaction, or the Commonwealth reasonably concludes that the concern is unsubstantiated, the Commonwealth may direct the Grantee to recommence performing the Activity; or

- (b) fails to remedy the non-compliance or inability within the time specified, or the Commonwealth reasonably concludes that the concern is likely to be substantiated, the Commonwealth may reduce the scope of the Agreement in accordance with clause 19.1 or terminate the Agreement immediately by giving a second notice in accordance with clause 19.3.

### **19.3 Termination for fault**

19.3.1 The Commonwealth may terminate this Agreement by notice where the Grantee has:

- (a) failed to comply with an obligation under this Agreement and the Commonwealth believes that the non-compliance is incapable of remedy or where clause 19.2.2(b) applies;
- (b) provided false or misleading statements in relation to the Grant; or
- (c) become bankrupt or insolvent, entered into a scheme of arrangement with creditors, or come under any form of external administration.

19.3.2 The Grantee agrees, on receipt of the notice of termination, to:

- (a) stop the performance of the Grantee's obligations;
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from the termination; and
- (c) report on, and return any part of the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

## **20. Cancellation or reduction for convenience**

20.1 The Commonwealth may cancel or reduce the scope of this Agreement by notice, due to:

- (a) a change in government policy; or
- (b) a Change in the Control of the Grantee which the Commonwealth reasonably believes will negatively affect the Grantee's ability to comply with this Agreement.

20.2 On receipt of a notice of reduction or cancellation under this clause, the Grantee agrees to:

- (a) stop or reduce the performance of the Grantee's obligations as specified in the notice; and
- (b) take all available steps to minimise loss resulting from that reduction or cancellation; and
- (c) continue performing any part of the Activity or the Agreement not affected by the notice if requested to do so by the Commonwealth;
- (d) report on, and return any part of the Grant to the Commonwealth, or otherwise deal with the Grant, as directed by the Commonwealth.

20.3 In the event of reduction or cancellation under this clause, the Commonwealth will be liable only to:

- (a) pay any part of the Grant due and owing to the Grantee under this Agreement at the date of the notice; and
- (b) reimburse any reasonable and substantiated expenses the Grantee unavoidably incurs that relate directly and entirely to the reduction in scope or cancellation of the Agreement.

20.4 In the event of reduction, the amount of the Grant will be reduced in proportion to the reduction in the scope of the Agreement.

20.5 The Commonwealth's liability to pay any amount under this clause is:

- (a) subject to the Grantee's compliance with this Agreement; and
- (b) limited to an amount that when added to all other amounts already paid under the Agreement will not exceed the total amount of the Grant.

20.6 The Grantee will not be entitled to compensation for loss of prospective profits or benefits that would have been conferred on the Grantee but for the cancellation or reduction in scope of the Agreement under clause 20.1.

20.7 The Commonwealth will act reasonably in exercising its rights under this clause.

## 21. Survival

21.1 The following clauses survive termination, cancellation or expiry of this Agreement:

- clause 10 (Spending the Grant);
- clause 11 (Repayment);
- clause 12 (Record keeping);
- clause 13 (Reporting);
- clause 14 (Privacy);
- clause 15 (Confidentiality);
- clause 16 (Insurance)
- clause 17 (Intellectual property);
- clause 19 (Reduction, Suspension and Termination);
- clause 21 (Survival);
- clause 22 (Definitions);
- ST4 (Access/monitoring/inspection);
- ST19 (Indemnities); and
- any other clause which expressly or by implication from its nature is meant to survive.

## 22. Definitions

22.1 In this Agreement, unless the contrary appears:

- **Activity** means the activities described in the Grant Details and includes the provisions of the Reporting Material.
- **Activity Completion Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Activity Material** means any Material, other than Reporting Material, created or developed by the Grantee as a result of the Activity and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Activity Material.
- **Agreement** means the Grant Details, Supplementary Terms (if any), the Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions and any other document referenced or incorporated in the Grant Details.
- **Agreement End Date** means the date or event specified in the Grant Details.
- **Australian Privacy Principle** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.



- **Change in the Control** means any change in any person(s) who directly exercise effective control over the Grantee.
- **Commonwealth** means the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Commonwealth entity specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Commonwealth Purposes** includes the following:
  - (a) the Commonwealth verifying and assessing grant proposals, including a grant application;
  - (b) the Commonwealth administering, monitoring, reporting on, auditing, publicising and evaluating a grant program or exercising its rights under this Agreement;
  - (c) the Commonwealth preparing, managing, reporting on, auditing and evaluating agreements, including this Agreement; and
  - (d) the Commonwealth developing and publishing policies, programs, guidelines and reports, including Commonwealth annual reports;
 but in all cases:
  - (e) excludes the commercialisation (being for-profit use) of the Material by the Commonwealth.
- **Commonwealth Standard Grant Conditions** means this document.
- **Existing Material** means Material developed independently of this Agreement that is incorporated in or supplied as part of Reporting Material or Activity Material.
- **Grant** means the money, or any part of it, payable by the Commonwealth to the Grantee for the Activity as specified in the Grant Details and includes any interest earned by the Grantee on that money once the Grant has been paid to the Grantee.
- **Grantee** means the legal entity other than the Commonwealth specified in the Agreement and includes, where relevant, its officers, employees, contractors and agents.
- **Grant Details** means the document titled Grant Details that forms part of this Agreement.
- **Intellectual Property Rights** means all copyright, patents, registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), registered designs, and other rights resulting from intellectual activity (other than moral rights under the *Copyright Act 1968*).
- **Material** includes documents, equipment, software (including source code and object code versions), goods, information and data stored by any means including all copies and extracts of them.
- **Party** means the Grantee or the Commonwealth.
- **Personal Information** has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988*.
- **Records** includes documents, information and data stored by any means and all copies and extracts of the same.
- **Reporting Material** means all Material which the Grantee is required to provide to the Commonwealth for reporting purposes as specified in the Grant Details, and includes any Existing Material that is incorporated in or supplied with the Reporting Material.

## Signatures

Executed as an agreement:

### Commonwealth

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

Name	<name>
Position	<position >
Date	<date of execution >

### Grantee

Full legal name of the Grantee	<name of the grantee> <ABN of the grantee>
Name of Authorised Representative	<name of authorised representative>
Date	<date of acceptance>

## Schedule 2 Reporting requirements

### Appendix 1

#### <grant opportunity name> - end of project report requirements

You will need to provide the following information in your end of project report. The Commonwealth reserves the right to amend or adjust the requirements.

You must complete and submit your report on the [portal](#). You can enter the required information in stages and submit when it is complete.

#### Project achievements

- a. Complete the following table, updating for all milestones shown in the Activity Schedule of your grant agreement.

Milestone	Agreed end date	Actual/ anticipated end date	Current % complete	Progress comments – work undertaken and impact of any delay

- b. Where applicable, describe any project activities completed during the reporting period that are not captured in the table above.
- c. Do you have any additional activities planned in the Beetaloo region, beyond the scope of exploration and appraisal activities already funded through this grant?  
*Your response to this question will not affect current or future applications under the grant program.*
- d. How have your exploration activities contributed to increased knowledge of petroleum resources in the Beetaloo region?
- e. Has the grant program assisted your company/joint-venture increase its confidence in the commercial viability of petroleum resources in the Beetaloo?  
If yes, please respond with reference to how the grant funding has increased your confidence in the commercial prospects of the Beetaloo.  
If no, what are the reasons for not gaining more confidence in the commercial prospects of the Beetaloo?
- f. Has increased exploration activity from other operators in the Beetaloo improved your confidence in the commercial viability of petroleum resources in the Beetaloo? If yes, describe.
- i. To what extent has related exploration activity from other operators in the Beetaloo increased your confidence in the commercial viability of petroleum resources in the Beetaloo?

- Confidence has increased very much
  - Confidence has somewhat increased
  - Confidence has neither increased nor decreased
  - Confidence has somewhat decreased
  - Confidence has decreased very much
- g. How many new temporary jobs have been created by your project to date? Please provide numbers of full-time and part-time jobs, and the number of Indigenous persons employed (if any).
- h. How many new ongoing jobs have been created by your project to date? Please provide numbers of full-time and part-time jobs, and the number of Indigenous persons employed (if any).
- i. Can you describe any other impacts (positive or negative) as a result of this grant?

## Project outcomes

- a. Outline the project outcomes achieved by the project end date.
- b. Do the achieved project outcomes align with those specified in the grant agreement?  
If no, explain why.
- c. Are there any planned events relating to the project that you are required to notify us about in accordance with your agreement?  
  
If yes, provide details of the event including date, time, purpose of the event and key stakeholders expected to attend.

## Project benefits

- a. What benefits has the project achieved?
- b. What ongoing impact will the project have?
- c. Did the project result in any unexpected benefits?  
If yes, explain why.
- d. Is there any other information you wish to provide about your project?  
If yes, provide details.

## Total eligible project expenditure

- a. Indicate the total eligible project expenditure incurred. Eligible expenditure is divided into the same categories as the budget in your application.  
  
If you are registered for GST, enter the GST exclusive amount. If you are not registered for GST, enter the GST inclusive amount. We may ask you to provide evidence of costs incurred.  
  
Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines or contact us if you have any questions about eligible expenditure.
- b. Provide any comments you may have to clarify any figures.
- c. Was the expenditure incurred in accordance with the activity budget in the grant agreement?

If no, explain the reason for a project underspend or overspend, or any other significant changes to the budget.

## Project funding

- a. Provide details of all contributions to your project other than the grant. This includes your own contributions as well as any contributions from government (except this grant), project partners or others.

## Updated business indicators

- a. Provide the following financial data for your organisation for your latest complete financial year

These fields are mandatory and entering \$0 is acceptable if applicable.

- Financial year completed
- Sales revenue (turnover)
- Export revenue
- R&D expenditure
- Taxable income
- Number of employees including working proprietors and salaried directors (headcount)
- Number of independent contractors (headcount)

## Attachments

- a. Attach any agreed evidence required with this report to demonstrate progress or successful completion of your project.
- b. Attach copies of any published reports and promotional material, relating to the project.

## Certification

You must ensure an authorised person completes the report and can certify the following:

- The information in this report is accurate, complete and not misleading and that I understand the giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code 1995* (Cth).
- The activities undertaken and the expenditure incurred is in accordance with the grant agreement.
- I am aware of the grantee's obligations under their grant agreement.
- I am aware that the grant agreement empowers the Commonwealth to terminate the grant agreement and to request repayment of funds paid to the grantee where the grantee is in breach of the grant agreement.

## Appendix 4

### Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program - Independent audit report

#### Background

These templates assist Grantees (and their auditors) to understand the audit requirements under a Commonwealth grant agreement administered by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources. For further information contact us on 13 28 46 or at [business.gov.au](http://business.gov.au).

When an independent audit report is required under our grant agreements the Grantee must provide us with:

- a statement of grant income and expenditure against the expenditure categories under the grant agreement (attachment A)
- an independent audit report on the statement of grant income and expenditure (attachment B)
- certification of certain matters by the auditor (attachment C).

You can find additional information on the grant opportunity relevant to your grant at [business.gov.au](http://business.gov.au) or by calling us on 13 28 46.

#### Eligible expenditure

Advice on eligible expenditure for projects under the grant opportunity can be found in grant opportunity guidelines. These guidelines are revised from time to time and therefore more than one version of the document may exist. The relevant guidelines are those that were effective at the time the Grantee's application was accepted.

It is essential that Grantees and their auditors understand the eligible expenditure requirements because these determine whether, and the extent to which, certain costs are reportable and claimable.

The amount of grant funding we approve is based on the Grantee's estimated eligible expenditure, as provided in their application. However, the grant funding any Grantee is ultimately entitled to receive is determined against actual eligible expenditure incurred and paid for on the project. The grant amount specified in the grant agreement is the **maximum** amount the Grantee may be paid.

The expenditure reported in the 'statement of grant income and expenditure' at attachment A must represent actual 'eligible expenditure' paid on the project during that period.

## Attachment A – Statement of grant income and expenditure

Grant opportunity name	[grant opportunity name]
Project number	[project number]
Grantee	[organisation]
Project title	[project title]
Reporting period start date	[project start date or other reporting period start date]
Reporting period end date	[project end date or other reporting period end date]

This statement of grant income and expenditure must be prepared by the Grantee and contain the following:

- Statement of funds, Grantee contributions and other financial assistance\*
- Statement of eligible expenditure\*
- Notes to the statement of eligible expenditure, explaining the basis of compilation
- Certification by directors of the Grantee
- \*We will compare this information to that detailed in the grant agreement.

### 1. Statement of funds, Grantee contributions and other financial assistance

Complete the following table for all cash [and in-kind] contributions for your project for the period in question, including

- the grant
- other government funding
- your own contributions
- partner or other third party contributions
- any additional private sector funding.

Insert rows as required.

Contributor	Cash amount (GST excl)	[Estimated in-kind amount (GST excl)]	Total (GST excl)
Grant	[\$[enter amount]]	[\$[enter amount]]	[\$[enter amount]]
Grantee	[\$[enter amount]]	[\$[enter amount]]	[\$[enter amount]]
[enter contributor]	[\$[enter amount]]	[\$[enter amount]]	[\$[enter amount]]
[enter contributor]	[\$[enter amount]]	[\$[enter amount]]	[\$[enter amount]]
Total	[\$[enter amount]]	[\$[enter amount]]	[\$[enter amount]]

## 2. Statement of eligible expenditure

You must provide detail of the eligible expenditure that has been incurred and paid for during the reporting period in the 'Statement of eligible expenditure' spreadsheet.

Comment on any variance between the expenditure items and amounts detailed in the grant agreement and the actual items and amounts detailed in the attached statement of eligible expenditure.

[enter details]

## 3. Note to the statement of eligible expenditure

### 3.1 Eligible expenditure

The eligible expenditure as reported in the statement of eligible expenditure is in accordance with the grant opportunity guidelines.

### 3.2 Basis of compilation

This statement of eligible expenditure has been prepared to meet the requirements of the grant agreement between [enter Grantee name] and the Commonwealth represented by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources. Significant accounting policies applied in the compilation of the statement of grant income and expenditure include the following:

[enter details]



#### 4. Certification by directors [if not director, replace with appropriate equivalent]

[Grantee name]

[Project number]

For the period [dd/ mm/yyyy] to [dd/ mm/yyyy]

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and believe, having made such enquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

##### **Statement of grant income and expenditure**

- a. We have fulfilled our responsibilities for the preparation of the statement of grant income and expenditure in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and the terms of the grant agreement with the Commonwealth, represented by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources dated [enter date]; in particular, the statement of grant income and expenditure presents fairly in accordance therewith.
- b. All events subsequent to the date of the statement of grant income and expenditure which require adjustment or disclosure so as to present fairly the statement of grant income and expenditure, have been adjusted or disclosed.
- c. [Where applicable] The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the statement of grant income and expenditure as a whole. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to this representation letter.
- d. That all Grantee contributions and other financial assistance were spent for the purpose of the project and in accordance with the grant agreement and that the Grantee has complied with the grant agreement and relevant accounting policies.
- e. That salaries and allowances paid to persons involved in the project are in accordance with any applicable award or agreement in force under any relevant law on industrial or workplace relations.

Signature .....

Name [enter name]

Director

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]

Signature .....

Name [enter name]

Director

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]

## 5. For Auditor use only

I certify that this statement of grant income and expenditure is the one used to prepare my independent audit report dated [enter date] for the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

Signature .....

Name [enter name]

Position [enter position]

Auditor's employer [enter employer name]

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]

## Attachment B - Independent audit report

### Background for auditors

The purpose of the independent audit report is to provide us with an auditor's opinion on the Grantee's statement of grant income and expenditure. The statement of grant income and expenditure is prepared by the Grantee to correspond with the expenditure reported to the department by the Grantee for the same period, in the process of claiming grant payments.

The independent audit report must be prepared by a person who is an approved auditor.

An approved auditor is a person who is:

- a. registered as a company auditor under the *Corporations Act 2001* or an appropriately qualified member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, or of CPA Australia or the Institute of Public Accountants; and
- b. not a principal, member, shareholder, officer, agent, subcontractor or employee of the Grantee or of a related body corporate or a Connected Entity.

The audit should be undertaken and reported in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

The independent audit report must follow the required format and include any qualification regarding the matters on which the auditor provides an opinion. We may follow up any qualifications with the Grantee or auditor. The independent audit report must be submitted on the auditor's letterhead.

Auditors must comply with the professional requirements of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, CPA Australia and the Institute of Public Accountants in the conduct of their audit.

If the auditor forms an opinion that the statement of grant income and expenditure does not give a true and fair view of the eligible expenditure for the period, the independent audit report should be qualified and the error quantified in the qualification section of the independent audit report.

The required independent audit report format follows.

## Auditor's report

Independent audit report in relation to [Grantee name]'s statement of grant income and expenditure to the Commonwealth, represented by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (the department).

We have audited:

- a. the accompanying statement of grant income and expenditure of [Grantee name] for the period [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy], a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and management's attestation statement thereon (together "the financial statement"). The financial statement has been prepared by management using the cash basis of accounting described in note 3.2 to the financial statement; and
- b. [Grantee name]'s compliance with the terms of the grant agreement between [Grantee name] and the Commonwealth dated [date of agreement] for the period [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy] (the grant agreement).

We have:

- a. reviewed [Grantee name]'s statement of labour costs in support of its claim of eligible expenditure; and
- b. performed limited assurance procedures on [Grantee name]'s statement of employee numbers under the grant agreement].

### *Management's responsibility*

Management is responsible for:

- a. the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note 3.2, this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in accordance with the grant agreement;
- b. compliance with the terms of the grant agreement;
- c. the preparation of the statement of employee numbers and labour costs in support of eligible expenditure; and
- d. such internal control as management determines is necessary to:
  - i enable the preparation of the financial statement and the statement of [employee numbers and ]labour costs that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
  - ii enable compliance with the terms of the grant agreement.

### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibilities are:

- a. To express an opinion, based on our audit, on:
  - i the financial statement; and
  - ii [Grantee name]'s compliance, in all material respects, with the terms of the grant agreement; and

- b. To conclude based on:
  - i our review procedures, on the statement of labour costs; and
  - ii our limited assurance procedures on the statement of employee numbers.

We conducted our audit of the financial statement in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards; our audit of compliance with the grant agreement in accordance with ASAE 3100, our review of the statement of labour costs in accordance with ASRE 2405; and our limited assurance procedures on employee numbers in accordance with ASAE 3000. The applicable Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform our work to:

- a. obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement and that [Grantee name] has complied, in all material respects, with the terms of the grant agreement; and
- b. obtain limited assurance as to whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the statements of employee numbers and labour costs are materially misstated.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement and about the Grantee's compliance with the grant agreement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Grantee's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement, and to the Grantee's compliance with the grant agreement, in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Grantee's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

A review consists of making enquiries and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the statement of labour costs.

A limited assurance engagement undertaken in respect of the statement of employee numbers, in accordance with ASAE 3000 involves [level of detail about procedures to be determined by the auditor]. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement; and consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion, review and limited assurance conclusions.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion:

- a. the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the grant income and expenditure of [Grantee name] for the period [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy] in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in note 3.2 and the terms of the grant agreement, dated [date of agreement], with the Commonwealth; and

- b. [Grantee name] has complied, in all material respects, with the requirements of the grant agreement between the organisation and the Commonwealth dated [date of agreement], for the period [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy].

*Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution*

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 3.2 to the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared to provide information to the department in accordance with the grant agreement, dated [date of agreement]. As a result, the financial statement may not be suitable for another purpose.

*Use of Report*

This report has been prepared for [Grantee name] and the department in accordance with the requirements of the grant agreement between [Grantee name] and the Commonwealth, dated [date of agreement]. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to any persons or users other than [Grantee name] and the department, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

*Conclusions*

Based on:

- a. Our review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the statement of labour costs in the period [dd/mm/yyyy] to [dd/mm/yyyy] is not, in all material respects, fairly presented in accordance with the grant agreement dated [date of agreement] with the Commonwealth; and
- b. The procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the statement of employee numbers as at [dd/mm/yyyy] is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the grant agreement dated [date of agreement] with the Commonwealth].

Auditor's signature .....

Name [enter name]

Auditor's employer [enter employer name]

Employer's address [enter address]

Qualifications [enter qualification]

Position [enter position]

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]

## Attachment C - Certification of certain matters by the auditor

The department also requires a certification of certain matters by the auditor in addition to the independent audit report. This should be submitted with the statement of grant income and expenditure and independent audit report.

The auditor who signs this certification must also initial and date a copy of the Grantee's statement of eligible expenditure. The department will not accept an independent audit report that lacks this attachment.

The required format of certification is on the following page.

[print on auditor letterhead]

[addressee]

Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources  
GPO Box 2013  
Canberra ACT 2601

I understand that the Commonwealth, represented by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources and [Grantee name] have entered into a grant agreement for the provision of financial assistance under the [grant opportunity name] to the Grantee for the project. A condition of funding under the grant agreement is that the Grantee provides a statement of grant income and expenditure certifying that expenditure on approved project items has been incurred within the relevant audit period and paid in accordance with the grant opportunity guidelines, and is supportable by appropriate documentation.

In fulfilment of the condition, I hereby certify that:

- a. I am a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand/ CPA Australia/ the Institute of Public Accountants (as a Public Practice Certified Member).
- b. I have prepared the independent audit report on [Grantee name]'s, statement of grant income and expenditure in accordance with the details of the grant agreement between the Grantee and the Commonwealth, project no [project no] dated [dd/mm/yyyy].
- c. I have reviewed the grant agreement between the Grantee and the Commonwealth, project no [project no] dated [dd/mm/yyyy], and related grant opportunity guidelines and understand the requirements pertaining to financial reporting and eligible expenditure contained therein.
- d. I have signed the attached copy of [Grantee name]'s statement of eligible expenditure that I used to prepare the independent audit report.
- e. I have complied with the professional independence requirements of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand/ CPA Australia/the Institute of Public Accountants. I specifically certify that I:
  - i am not, and have not been, a director, office holder, or employee of [Grantee name] or related body corporate of [Grantee name]
  - ii have not been previously engaged by [Grantee name] for the purpose of preparing their [grant opportunity name] application or any report required under the grant agreement
  - iii have no financial interest in [Grantee name].

Signature .....

Name [enter name]

Qualifications [enter qualification]

Position [enter position]

Date [dd/mm/yyyy]



**Empire Energy Group Limited**  
**Carpentaria-1 Site Visit**

Friday, 16th October 2020		
First Name	Last Name	Company
1 Alex	Underwood	Empire, Managing Director
2 Paul	Espie	Empire, Chairman
3 John	Warburton	Empire , Director
4 Peter	Cleary	Empire, Director
5 Julian	Malnic	Empire, Media & Investor Relations
6 Vanessa	Lenthall	Macquarie Group, Executive Director
7 Angus (Hon)	Taylor (MP)	Federal Minister Energy
8 Stephanie	Muecke	A.Taylor Staffer – Energy Adviser
9 Ryan	Arrold	Hume Forum, Chairman
10 Nick	Cater	Menzies Research Centre, Executive Director
11 Keld	Knudsen	APPEA, Director
12 Senator Sam	McMahon	NT Senator
13 Kris	Civitarese	McMahon's Staffer - Electorate Officer
14 Matt	Cunningham	Sky News NT
15 Lia	Finocchiaro	NT Opposition Leader
16 Sonia	Harvey	Energy Club NT