



# Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS) Tender 10: National Electricity Market (NEM) – Dispatchable Capacity Q&A Responses

This document provides a compilation of responses to de-identified questions received from Registered Proponents for CIS Tender 10: NEM – Dispatchable Capacity (**Tender 10**). New Q&As are added to this document in chronological order and shaded in pale green. All Q&As are allocated to categories aligning with the Q&A form: Eligibility Criteria; Merit Criteria (MC) 1 – Financial value, system reliability and system benefits; MC 2 – Project deliverability and timeline; MC 3 – Organisational, resource, and financing capability; MC 4 – First Nations participation and benefits sharing; MC 5 – Social outcomes and community benefits sharing; Project Documents; and other.

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## Version Release

| Version | Release date | Changes                        |
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| 1       | 03/07/2026   | Release 1 including 1 response |
| 2       | 09/07/2026   | Release 2 including 1 response |
| 3       | 15/07/2026   | Release 3 including 1 response |

## Bid Q&A

| Q&A Release 1 |                      | Distributed 03/07/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 1             | Eligibility Criteria | <p>For Projects that have been placed on the Reserve List in a previous tender process, can you please confirm that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The provisions in clause 5.2.2 from the Tender Guidelines in relation to Duplicative Bids is not intended to refer to Bids involved in a previous Tender process and would not cause the Project to be disqualified from that previous Tender process.</li> <li>- The Proponent may submit a Bid in Tender 10 in respect of the same Project.</li> </ul> | <p>As set out in section 5.5.1 of the CIS Tender 10 Tender Guidelines, Proponents that have been placed on a Reserve List in a previous tender process may, subject to the requirements of the Tender Guidelines, submit a Bid for this Tender 10 Process in respect of the same Project, Existing Project (if it is a Staged Project), or Associated Project (if it is a Hybrid Project) even if the relevant Reserve Period from the previous tender process has not concluded.</p> <p>If a Proponent that has been placed on a Reserve List in a previous tender process is selected at any point as a Successful Proponent in the previous tender process, the Proponent is not permitted to submit, or continue with, a Bid in respect of the same Project in any other tender process, including this Tender 10 Process. In such circumstances, it is at the discretion of the Proponent to decide which tender process to proceed with.</p> <p>Proponents should review the Tender Guidelines in detail to understand their options and obligations in relation to submitting a Bid in respect of a Project which has been placed on a Reserve List in a prior tender process.</p> |

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| 2             | Eligibility Criteria | Where a project comprises two separately registered DUIDs (and is not an Aggregated Project) and one component of the project assigned to one DUID is already contracted under a CISA, LTESA, or FERMA contract from a previous Tender round, can the component of that project assigned to the other DUID be eligible (particularly with regard to EC8 and EC11) to independently participate in the Tender 10 Process? | <p>As set out in the Tender 10 Tender Guidelines, a Project which is the subject of a long-term revenue underwriting agreement, as described in Eligibility Criterion 8 (EC8), with the Australian Government or a State or Territory of Australia, is not eligible to participate Tender 10.</p> <p>The Proforma CISA defines the 'Project' in Item 1 of the Reference Details, which provides guidance as to which components are considered part of the 'Project'.</p> <p>In determining whether a project with two Dispatchable Unit Identifiers (DUIDs) may be considered two separate Projects for the purpose of the uncontracted Project submitting a Bid in CIS Tender 10 (which is compliant with the Eligibility Criteria including EC8 and EC11 requirements), Proponents are encouraged to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consider the technical features of their Project(s), including the asset configuration as it relates to the Connection Point, alongside the requirements of the Proforma CISA and the Tender Guidelines (in particular Section 4.2); and</li> <li>if necessary, seek independent legal or technical advice in structuring their Bid.</li> </ul> <p>Proponents should also confirm that their Bid configuration complies with the requirements of EC2 in relation to the Bid Entity.</p> <p>If an uncontracted Project shares a Connection Point and is held under the same SPV as an additional Project component which is already contracted under a CISA, LTESA or FERMA, it is expected that the already contracted component may be deemed an Existing Project (if both components are storage projects) or an Associated Project (if the other component is a generation project), subject to the Tender Guidelines.</p> <p>A Project is not expected to be eligible for CIS Tender 10 under EC11 where the Existing or Associated Project holds a CISA, LTESA, or FERMA.</p> |

| Q&A Release 3 |                          | Distributed 15/07/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| 3             | Other: Bid configuration | <p>Where a project will be delivered in two separate stages which are geographically co-located and the project has two separate connection points, can the Proponent submit Bids in Tender 10 for both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a single Bid in relation to the entire project (including both stages), and</li> <li>b) separate Bids for each project stage individually?</li> </ul> | <p>As set out in Section 5.1 of the CIS Tender 10 Tender Guidelines, Proponents may only register and submit one Bid per Project. If a Project has multiple potential configurations or designs, the Proponent must select its preferred configuration and design prior to submitting its Bid.</p> <p>Subject to the requirements set out in Section 4.2 of the CIS Tender 10 Tender Guidelines, geographically co-located dispatchable assets of the same technology type which do not share a Connection Point may be eligible to be the subject of a Bid as a single Project.</p> <p>Projects that have separate Connection Points for generation and dispatchable assets are considered to be separate Projects for the purposes of this Tender 10 Process. Accordingly, the dispatchable assets of the Project may be eligible to be the subject of a Bid in this Tender Process, and any generation assets of the Project are excluded from this Tender 10 Process.</p> |

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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