



# Capacity Investment Scheme (CIS) Tender 7: National Electricity Market (NEM) – Generation Clarification and Q&A Responses

This document provides a compilation of responses to de-identified questions received from registered Proponents for CIS Tender 7: NEM – Generation (**Tender 7**). 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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**Bid Q&As**

Q&A Release 1		Distributed 24/10/2025	
#	Category	Question	Answer
1	MC5	In relation to MC5 – Social outcomes and community benefits sharing, does Local Content include goods “supplied” by an Australian business (with an ABN), even if the goods are manufactured overseas?	‘Local Content’ is defined in Section 8 of the Tender Guidelines as ‘Goods, services, and resources produced, manufactured or supplied within Australia and New Zealand’. Accordingly, any goods or services provided by a business possessing an ABN or NZBN, and supplied within Australia and New Zealand, are considered to meet this definition.
2	MC2	Question 6.2 seeks a letter from the Network Operator outlining the Project stage and last milestone achieved. Please provide more detail on the expected content of this letter and whether this letter is required to be headed and signed by the Network Operator?	The letter from the Network Operator will need to clearly outline the status of the Project’s network connection progress, including the latest milestone achieved in relation to the Project’s network connection applications. The letter is required to be headed and signed by the Network Operator.

Q&A Release 2		Distributed 31/10/2025	
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3	MC2 & MC3	Does MC2 and MC3 contain any returnable schedule forms?	Proponents are required to populate and provide the 'Real Property Arrangements Returnable Schedule' as part of MC2. There is no Returnable Schedule required for MC3.
4	MC1	In the MC1 Returnable Schedule, if the expected operational guarantee life for any source (including first and second generation source in Table 4, or storage component in Table 5) exceeds the indicative economic life in AEMO's Forecasting Assumptions, what guidance should Proponents follow in completing these inputs, as well as in providing degradation rates under Table 7?	<p>As outlined in Table 4 and Table 5 of the MC1 Returnable Schedule, where a Project's expected operational guarantee life exceeds the economic life provided in the AEMO 2025 Forecasting Assumptions Workbook, Proponents should provide supporting commentary and evidence through the 'Merit Criterion 1: Financial value, system reliability and system benefits' section of the Bid Form, where information on the operational life is sought.</p> <p>Proponents may indicate a longer operational life in Table 4 or Table 5 of the MC1 Returnable Schedule by entering the intended value. When an input differs from the expected value, the yellow bar will appear to confirm the entry is complete but exceeds the economic life value.</p> <p>As noted above Table 7 in the MC1 Returnable Schedule, if there are insufficient rows to detail the degradation rate(s), please complete the table for the earliest corresponding years and include the full degradation curve(s) in supporting documentary evidence.</p>

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			Note that expected operational guarantee lifetime should be based on original equipment installed for the Project and should not factor in future opportunities for augmentation.

Q&A Release 3		Distributed 4/11/2025	
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5	Project Documents	<p>Regarding the verification of an Eligible Wholesale Contract under the CIS, please confirm:</p> <p>a) if pre-verification can be sought for the Wholesale Contract as part of this Tender Process before the signing of the CISA; and</p> <p>b) how often the verification is applied to the Eligible Wholesale Contract (i.e. a one off or per annum/quarter with each payment calculation)".</p>	<p>Regarding the verification of an Eligible Wholesale Contract under the CIS:</p> <p>a) As per the CIS T7 Tender Guidelines and the Pro-forma CISA, there is no mechanism in place for verification or approval of any Eligible Wholesale Contract during the Tender Process or before the signing of the CISA.</p> <p>b) Please refer to clause 15 of the Pro-forma CISA and in particular clause 15.4 on verification of Eligible Wholesale Contracts. It provides that the Commonwealth may, at any time after receiving the information relating to the relevant Wholesale Contract pursuant to clause 15.2(a) or 15.3(a), or becoming aware that it should have received that information, and having regard to any guidance provided by it pursuant to clause 15.1(d) ("Eligibility requirements"), verify whether that Wholesale Contract is an Eligible Wholesale Contract. The Commonwealth may do such verification in accordance with clause 32.4 ("Right to access and audit") which provides further details on the process and timeline in respect of the audit exercise.</p> <p>We recommend proponents to seek their own independent legal advice on these matters.</p>

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6	MC1	If a Project includes a new Designated Network Asset (DNA), what should be identified as the 'Connection Point' in the MC1 Returnable Schedule in Table 3?	<p>As outlined in Table 3 "Connection Point", Proponents are asked to provide the intended Connection Point of the Project and where the Project connects via a transmission or distribution line, to specify the name of the substation(s) that the connecting infrastructure will connect into.</p> <p>In circumstances where the Project includes a new Designated Network Asset (DNA), the Connection Point should be the existing substation into which the DNA will connect. In these instances, Proponents are encouraged to provide additional context on the DNA as an attachment through the MC1 section of the Bid Form, in section 5.3.4.</p>

Q&A Release 4		Distributed 11/11/2025	
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7	MC2	As per the Tender Guidelines, it is stated that Projects with a COD after December 2030 will be considered as low merit and may not be progressed further in the process. Please confirm that if a Project's COD is after December 2030 that the Project will no longer be considered eligible or will the Project be weighed against performance on other assessment criteria?	<p>The COD of a Project is not an Eligibility Criterion and Projects with a COD after 31 December 2030 may participate in CIS Tender 7.</p> <p>A project's COD Target Date will be a consideration of the merit assessment process outlined in the Tender Guidelines. Projects with an earlier COD, supported by credible plans, will score higher under MC2.</p> <p>Projects with a COD Target Date after 31-Dec-2030 and/or lacking a credible pathway to reach COD by 31-Dec-2030 may be considered low merit and not be further assessed in the Tender Process.</p>
8	Eligibility Criteria	Regarding EC10, for a Project in Queensland that submitted its application to the local council prior to the recent planning changes, would this submission still be eligible under EC10?	<p>In Table 8 of the Tender Guidelines, there are several planning pathways outlined for Queensland that would enable a Project to be eligible.</p> <p>If the Project in Queensland is being assessed under the planning pathway under the Planning Act 2016 (Planning Act), submission of a development application via local council is considered eligible, even if this submission occurred prior to the planning changes.</p>
9	MC1	Table 11 appears to be missing from sheet 6 of the MC1 Returnable Schedule. Table 11 is referenced in section 5.3.4 – Additional Supporting Documents of the Bid Form.	'Table 11 – Supporting Attachments' in the MC1 Returnable Schedule is located at the top of sheet '6. Checks'. Table 11 provides guidance for the attachments to be provided under section 5.3.4 of the Bid form.

Q&A Release 5		Distributed 14/11/2025	
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10	Project Documents	<p>The CISA includes provisions under Clause 12.6 (Labour standards reporting) requiring the Project Operator to report to the Commonwealth, quarterly pre-COD and annually post-COD, on various details of the workforce of the Project Operator and its Key Subcontractors.</p> <p>Complying with these requirements will require significant resources. Could you please:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>explain the rationale for these new reporting requirements, to assist tenderers to determine how the requirements will be satisfied and persuade Key Subcontractors to accept them;</li> <li>explain the rationale for requiring reports to be submitted every quarter during construction, rather than a longer period; and</li> <li>confirm whether the Commonwealth’s intent is that “employees, officers and agents” (as referred to in clauses 12.6(a)(i)(A), 12.6(a)(i)(B), 12.6(a)(ii)(A) and 12.6(a)(ii)(B)) and “health and safety representatives” (as referred to in clause 12.6(a)(ii)(C)(ab)) would include personnel who work less than 100% of their work hours on the Project and Associated Project (i.e. personnel who work on multiple projects).</li> </ol>	<p>From Tenders 5 and 6 onwards, successful proponents are required to publicly report on key labour and workforce arrangements in accordance with the CISA, including those of their key subcontractors. This change is intended to increase transparency on labour market practices and employment conditions provided by proponents that receive revenue underwriting support under the CIS from the Australian Government.</p> <p>The reporting requirements are designed to capture information on numbers of personnel and diversity of trades who will be engaged during all phases of the project, including the construction period of the project.</p> <p>This provision and intent of the reporting covers employees, officers and agents, and health and safety representatives who work less than 100% of their work hours on the Project and Associated Projects.</p>

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11	Other (Eligible Wholesale Contract)	Please confirm that, where an Eligible Wholesale Contract specifies that the Offtaker does not purchase Sent Out Generation during negative price intervals, then under the proforma CISA, for each such interval either (i) the contract notional quantity (CNQ) will be set to 0 or (ii) the contract price (FXP) will be set to \$0, such that the Eligible Wholesale Contract Revenue (EWCR) for that contract is \$0 for the relevant period.	<p>Proponents should seek independent legal advice on questions concerning interpretation of the proforma CISA. Proponents considering any commercial departures from the proforma CISA should have regard to guidance on departures in the Tender Guidelines.</p> <p>ASL directs Proponents to the equation in item 3.6 of Schedule 1 of the proforma CISA, which details how <math>EWCR_{TI}</math> is calculated. The equation provides that CNQ in a Trading Interval is “that portion of Notional Quantity for the Trading Interval which is subject to that Eligible Wholesale Contract”. Item 3.9 of Schedule 1 of the proforma CISA addresses how Notional Quantity is defined and determined. The equation in item 3.6 of Schedule 1 of the proforma CISA also sets out that the FXP in a Trading Interval is calculated by reference to “the contract price that the Project Operator is entitled to receive for the Trading Interval under an Eligible Wholesale Contract, including any separate price for Green Products, whether or not in addition to the price payable in respect of electricity.</p>
12	MC1	In the CIS Tender 7 MC1 Returnable Schedule, should the ‘Forecast annual generation’ (Table 6) and ‘Generation traces’ (Table 10) account for Project unavailability?	The MC1 Returnable Schedule, Table 6 (Forecast annual generation) and Table 10 (Generation traces), should represent the expected annual AC output, accounting for plant losses and losses at the given power level, excluding degradation and economic curtailment. Forecast annual generation and

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			<p>generation traces should account for losses due to unavailability.</p> <p>If relevant, Proponents can provide additional context on the Project's generation trace profile in supporting documentary evidence as an attachment to the Financial Value Bid Form.</p>
13	MC1	<p>The MC1 Returnable Schedule refers to degradation in two ways. Table 7 defines it as '% of the initial annual energy production that may be generated in the given year'; but Tables 7(a) and 7(b) refers to degradation with regards to 'Maximum Capacity'.</p> <p>How should these differences be interpreted?</p>	<p>Tables 7(a) and 7(b) of the MC1 Returnable Schedule are intended to capture the degradation of generation sources as defined in Table 7. This means the input values in Tables 7(a) and 7(b) should reflect 'a % of the initial annual energy production that may be generated in the given year' (a % reduction in the annual MWh produced), and not the degradation of Maximum (nameplate) Capacity (MW) per the current headings.</p> <p>If relevant, Proponent can provide additional context on the Project's export capacity (MW) and degradation curve (%) in supporting documentary evidence as an attachment to the Financial Value Bid Form.</p> <p>Note that if Proponents consider that there is little to no degradation for the generation source, this can be indicated by entering the appropriate value in the relevant Table 7 section. Proponents may also outline the basis for the</p>

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			degradation curve (%) for each generation source indicated in the MC1 Returnable Schedule in the Financial Value Bid Form section 5.3.2 'Export Capacity and Degradation Curve'.
14	MC5	<p>In the MC4 and MC5 Returnable Schedule, the definition of post-COD differs when defined under the "instructions" tab compared to when it is defined under the "Employment &amp; Workforce Input tab".</p> <p>Could you please confirm which definition is correct?</p>	<p>In the MC4 and MC5 Returnable Schedule, the definition of post-COD (hours) is "total working hours that the Proponent will engage between the period of achieving COD until the end of the life of the Project".</p> <p>The definition under the "Employment &amp; Workforce Input" tab is incorrect. The definitions of post-COD (hours) in the "MC4 Instructions" tab and "MC5 Instructions" tab are correct.</p>

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15	Eligibility Criteria	In EC11 why has it been distinguished that Projects in Tender 1 have an 'executed' CISA whereas Projects in Tender 4 have been 'awarded' a CISA?	In CIS Tender 7, for EC11 the distinction between Projects in Tender 1 having an 'executed' CISA and Projects in Tender 4 having an 'awarded' CISA reflects the timing of the contractual process.
16	Eligibility Criteria	If a project is found unsuccessful for CIS Tender 7, can the same project be eligible for future CIS rounds?	A Project which has been unsuccessful for CIS Tender 7 may be eligible for future CIS Tender rounds subject to any Eligibility Criteria set out in the corresponding published Tender Guidelines.
17	Eligibility Criteria	Will the second stage of a Staged Project be omitted from future CIS Tender rounds if the first stage is submitted during CIS Tender 7 regardless of success status?	Eligibility Criteria for future CIS tenders will be detailed in the Tender Guidelines specific to each tender. Proponents should not rely on responses to Q&As from previous Tenders as the guidelines, rules and policies may change.
18	Eligibility Criteria	Is a Proponent eligible to participate in the tender process if, at the Bid Closing Date and Time, it does not yet own the Bid Entity but holds an option to acquire it, provided that the Proponent will assume ownership of the Bid Entity before executing the CISA?	Bids must meet all Eligibility Criteria in Table 7 of the Tender Guidelines, in order to be assessed as part of this Tender. In respect of EC2, Proponents may either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nominate a Bid Entity to be the counterparty to the Project Documents that is incorporated or existing prior to the Bid Closing Date and Time, in the Proponent's Bid; or</li> <li>2. Nominate a Bid Entity after the Bid Closing Date and Time but prior to execution of the Project Documents that satisfies the Bid Entity Criteria.</li> </ol>

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			<p>If the Proponent nominates the Bid Entity prior to the Bid Closing Date and Time, EC2 does not require that the Bid Entity is owned by the Proponent at the time of nomination. However, the Bid Entity must meet the other requirements in EC2 from the time of nomination.</p> <p>The Bid Entity Criteria relating to ownership of the Bid Entity only applies if the Bid Entity is nominated <u>after</u> the Bid Closing Date and Time.</p>
19	MC1	Does the nominated Minimum Generation affect the evaluation of Bids, and if so, how is it considered under Merit Criterion 1?	<p>Minimum Generation as described in the CISA Reference Details is expected to be at least 75% of forecast P90 generation for the Project. This is expected to align to the P90 data provided in Table 6 of the MC1 Returnable Schedule.</p> <p>As outlined in the MC1 Market Briefing Note, the CIS Tender Process aims to attract high merit Projects based on a weighted assessment of the financial and non-financial elements of the Bid. These elements may include generation information as provided in Table 6 of the MC1 Returnable Schedule. Proponents are encouraged to provide competitive values for all relevant Bid Variables.</p>

Q&A Release 8		Distributed 26/11/2025	
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20	Eligibility Criteria	Is it possible that a Project can be awarded a CISA for only a portion of its generation capacity?	<p>The proforma CISA's revenue support arrangements are a function of revenue earned from sent out generation of the whole Project (refer to the definition and calculation of Notional Quantity in the CISA).</p> <p>Consistent with this, in the MC1 Returnable Schedule, Proponents are asked to submit the Maximum Capacity of the first, and any second-generation source (if applicable) in the MC1 Returnable Schedule. The schedule includes instructions and pop-up guides at applicable fields.</p> <p>It is not expected that any Project will be awarded a CISA on the basis of only part of its sent-out generation.</p>
21	Other	Do we need to account for REZ access fees for projects proposed in Victorian REZs in our tender responses?	<p>Yes, tender responses for projects proposed to be in a Victorian REZ must consider, and account for, material costs such as REZ access fees. For example, responses to <i>Section 7.4 Development funding</i> of the Bid Form should consider all remaining development costs expected to be incurred prior to Financial Close. If the available information about the size of Victorian REZ access fees is not sufficient, your company may want to contact VicGrid for additional information.</p>

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22	MC5	On the MC4 & 5 Returnable Schedule Table 6, should commitments for Community Shared Benefits that have already been paid be included in this table?	Table 6 is intended to capture commitments that are part of your bid and will be contractually binding under the CISA. If a community shared benefit has already been paid but is ongoing or its impact continues into the contract period, it can be included in Table 6, with clear details on timing and nature. However, if the commitment was completed entirely before the bid and has no ongoing relevance, it should not be included in Table 6, but can be referenced in your bid response as details of current or past progress / track record.
23	MC5	With respect to the benefit commitments, should the total cost (real \$AUD) be discounted to COD? Or discounted to the bid submission date?	As outlined in the MC4 and 5 Returnable Schedule, all costs should be expressed in real \$AUD terms. There is no requirement to discount these figures to COD or to the submission date. The intent is to present the actual cost commitments in real dollar values as they will be contractually binding and incorporated into the relevant Project Document(s) of Successful Proponents that are awarded a CISA.
24	Eligibility Criteria	Is there a specific set of upload areas to attach evidence to support the Eligibility Criteria?	<p>Assessment against Eligibility Criteria will be supported by responses to questions in the Bid Form. Eligibility Criteria 9 and 10 require the submission of additional supporting evidence which in Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of the Bid Form (as part of Merit Criteria 2.</p> <p>Please note that in accordance with 5.3.1 of the Tender Guidelines, verification of compliance with Eligibility Criteria may be undertaken at any time throughout the Tender Process</p>

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			by requesting further information from the Proponent or by using third party sources.

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Q&A Release 10		Distributed 4/12/2025	
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25	Other: Eligibility Wholesale Contract	Should the CIS be awarded to an Assessed Hybrid Project, how will a "hybrid toll" <u>received under a contract that qualifies as an Eligible Wholesale Contract</u> (such that both the Project and Associated Project are tolled within the same contract at a combined price (\$X /yr)) be treated? under the "Eligible Wholesale Contract". If considered an "Eligible Wholesale Contract", How will the Commonwealth expect to split Project and Associated Project revenues <u>received under such an Eligible Wholesale Contract</u> ?	<p>Wholesale Contracts will be assessed based on the eligibility requirements set out in clause 15.1 of the pro-forma CISA. The Commonwealth may waive any of these eligibility requirements at its discretion.</p> <p>Eligible Wholesale Contract Revenue will be calculated in accordance with clause 3.6 of Schedule 1 of the pro-forma CISA. In accordance with clause 3.9 of Schedule 1 of the pro-forma CISA, Notional Quantity is calculated by multiplying the Sent Out Generation for the Trading Interval by the Marginal Loss Factor for that Trading Interval (taking into account a Discount Factor for Hybrid Projects).</p> <p>If a Proponent notifies the Commonwealth of a Wholesale Contract and the Commonwealth determines that it is not an Eligible Wholesale Contract, the revenue of such Wholesale Contract will be replaced by the revenue the project would have made based on spot market sales if it had not entered such Wholesale Contract, per the methodologies outlined in Schedule 1 of the pro-forma CISA.</p> <p>We recommend the proponents to seek their own independent legal advice on these matters.</p>
26	Project Documents	Could ASL clarify the references to "Draft Cure Plans" in clauses 11.5(a)(iii) (Social Licence Commitments) and 7.5(a)(iv)(C) (COD Conditions) of the CISA Pro Forma? Both clauses appear to allow termination if the Project Operator fails to perform a	The Commonwealth confirms that the references to a 'Draft COD Cure Plan' in clause 7.5(a)(iv)(C) and a 'Draft SLC Cure Plan' 11.5(a)(iii) of the T7 Proforma CISA are intended to refer to an

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		Draft Cure Plan, yet clauses 11.5(b) and 7.5(b) state the Commonwealth cannot terminate where a Draft Cure Plan has not been approved or rejected. As only an Approved Cure Plan would logically create binding obligations, are these references to "Draft" Cure Plans drafting errors, and should termination rights instead relate to failure to perform an Approved Cure Plan? If so, will the clauses be amended accordingly?	<p>'Approved COD Cure Plan' and an 'Approved SLC Cure Plan' respectively.</p> <p>That change will be made by the Commonwealth during the finalisation of any Project Documents with Successful Proponents in respect of this Tender 7 Process.</p>

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Q&A Release 11		Distributed 5/12/2025	
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27	MC1	With regards to the MC1 Returnable Schedule, Tab 3 – CISA terms, how should projects account for the storage component when bidding with hybrid assets?	<p>Section 6.0 of the MC1 Market Briefing Note notes that Hybrid Projects can bid into the tender as an Assessed Hybrid or a Non-Assessed Hybrid (for full definitions refer to the Tender Guidelines). For Assessed Hybrids, both the Project and Associated Projects are assessed against the Merit Criteria, and both assets are required to be built under the CISA. For Non-Assessed Hybrid Projects, only the Project is assessed against Merit Criteria and the Associated Project is not required to be delivered under the CISA.</p> <p>Section 6.0 of the MC1 Market Briefing also notes that for the MC1 assessment, Project Benefits consider both the Project and Associated Project for an Assessed Hybrid. Net CISA Cost will consider only the dispatch and DWAP of the Project.</p> <p>Proponents should refer to Schedule 1 of the CIS Tender 7 – NEM Generation CISA to understand the support payment mechanics for their project, noting for Hybrid Projects this will relate to Sent Out Generation and Revenues of the Project.</p> <p>With regards to the MC1 Returnable Schedule, sheet 3. CISA Terms proponents should complete Table/s 9 with their competitive Bid Variables (Annual Floor, Annual Ceiling and Annual Payment Cap). Proponents should understand the mechanics of the support payments as outlined in Schedule 1 of the CISA when submitting their Bid Variables.</p>

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28	MC1	In CIS NEM Tender 7, can proponents submit both a default bid and an alternative bid for the same project?	Per the Tender Guidelines, Table 2 ‘Tender Process’ outlines that 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 registering and submitting a Bid. Alternative bids for the same Project are not permitted for CIS NEM Tender 7.
29	MC1	With regards to the MC1 Returnable Schedule, Tab – 4. Generation traces, is submission considered complete only if both AC and DC Generation Traces for all three weather reference years are provided?	<p>The MC1 Returnable Schedule, Tab 4 – Generation traces (Table 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3) requests generation traces for multiple historical weather reference years for each generation source selected in Tab 2 – Project details in Table 4 ‘Technology-specific Project specifications’.</p> <p>Table 10.1, the AC Profile of the first (or only) generation source of the Project, is always required to be completed. Table 10.2, the AC Profile of the second generation source of the Project, is only required to be completed if there is a second generation source. Table 10.3 is only required for a Project with a Solar PV component or for the generation source of an Assessed Hybrid Project with DC-coupling.</p> <p>Three weather reference years (FY2016-17, FY2018-19 and FY2022-23) are selected to reduce the risk of basing evaluation on patterns in individual years. This is required for all tables from 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3 that are applicable to a Proponent’s bid.</p>

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			Please note that the completion check in cell <C6> within Tab 4 – Generation traces may incorrectly flag an incomplete tab. Proponents should instead ensure the checks in rows 25, 29, 30, and 34 are addressed.

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30	MC3	<p>Clause 8.3(a) (iii) of the Proforma CISA states that Project Operator who is a special purpose vehicle must: <i>own, or otherwise hold in its name, the [Hybrid/Staged] Project, including all assets, legal rights and Authorisations reasonably required to carry on the [Hybrid/Staged] Project.</i></p> <p>Suppose the Project Operator is operating a staged Project where each stage is independently connected to the network and does not directly hold the assets it is sharing between multiple stages. Should the Project Operator in this instance only own the assets that are exclusive to the Project being bid into the CIS?</p>	<p>Please refer to section 4.5 of the Tender Guidelines for guidance in relation to submitting any proposed departures from the proforma Project Documents (including CISA).</p> <p>The proponents may also refer to section 4.2 of the Tender Guidelines (as well as the cover page notes and the relevant definitions in the proforma CISA) for guidance on matters relating to Hybrid Projects, Staged Projects, and Projects with separate Connection Points.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria 2 (please see section 2 of the Tender Guidelines) sets out various requirements in relation to the nominated Bid Entity (being a special purpose vehicle), including that (i) it only carries on the Project and either the Associated Project (if it is a Hybrid Project), or the Existing Project (if it is a Staged Project), and conducts no other business; and (ii) subject to the terms of the Proforma CISA, it holds all the assets of the Project.</p> <p>The proponents should seek their own independent legal advice on these matters.</p>
31	Project Documents	<p>Clause 9(a) in the Pro Forma CISA requires the Project to take out insurance for replacement value. Market standards for insurance however, only covers Maximum Foreseeable Loss. Would departures for a Project that is already under</p>	<p>Please refer to section 4.5 of the Tender Guidelines for guidance in relation to submitting any proposed departures from the proforma Project Documents (including CISA).</p> <p>Each departure from the Project Documents that the Proponent or the Bid Entity proposes to make must be</p>

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		construction and has insurance in place for Maximum Foreseeable Loss be considered?	included as a separate line item in the departures table (Returnable Schedule) submitted as a part of its Bid.

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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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