

# Application BSBR001241

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## Application Summary

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**Application ID**

BSBR001241

**Application Title**

BSBR - SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL

**Program Name**

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program

**Applicant**

SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL

**Submitted Date**

6/10/2021

## Program selection

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### SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL

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**Are you a trustee on behalf of a trust?**

No

**Do you have an ABN?**

Yes

### Entity details

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**ABN**

53558891887

**Legal name**

SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL

**Business name**

SNOWY VALLEYS COUNCIL

**Date of registration**

21/05/2016

**GST Registered**

Yes

**Are you a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)?**

No

**Are you a not-for-profit?**

No

### Program Selection

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**Program**

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program

**Program Element**

Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program

## Eligibility

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**Select which entity type you are.**

an Australian local governing agency or body as defined in section 15 (for example a Council)

**Is your project in one or more of the eligible Local Government Areas (LGAs) listed in Appendix A of the grant opportunity guidelines? Grant opportunity guidelines can be found on [Business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au)**

Yes

**Will your project support the recovery or resilience efforts of communities in eligible Local Government Areas (LGAs) affected by the 2019-20 bushfires?**

Yes

**Does your project have at least \$20,000 in eligible project expenditure?**

Yes

## Applicant address

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**Applicant street address**

**Is the address located in Australia?**

Yes

**Address Details**

Tooma Recreation Reserve

Tooma Road

Tooma NSW 2642

Australia

**Applicant postal address**

**Is the address located in Australia?**

Yes

**Address Details**

Tooma Recreation Reserve

Tooma Road

Tooma NSW 2642

Australia

## About your organisation

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

### Indigenous organisations

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**Is your organisation Indigenous owned?**

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

No

**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.**

No

## Project information

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### Recovery or Resilience Needs

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Identify one or more of the recovery or resilience needs your project aims to support.

You need to select one or more of the kinds of recovery or resilience needs - social recovery and resilience, economic recovery and resilience and/or resilience and recovery of the built environment. See Section 6.1 of the grant opportunity guidelines.

**social recovery and resilience**

Yes

**economic recovery and resilience**

Yes

**recovery and resilience of the built environment**

Yes

**Project Type**

Select one or more of the criteria below that best describes/supports your eligible project activities.

See section 6.3.1 of the grant guidelines and Appendix B.

**projects that address an urgent and unmet need resulting directly from the 2019-20 bushfires**

Yes

**enhance the cultural life of the community**

Yes

**preserve or increase employment**

Yes

**help to mitigate climate-related risk and damage**

Yes

**address the health impacts of the bushfires**

Yes

**benefit of Indigenous people or communities**

No

**protect or promote interstate and overseas trade and commerce**

No

**be delivered through a relevant communications service**

No

**undertaken in the Australian Capital Territory**

No

**run by local councils**

No

**involve meteorological observations or statistical collection and analysis**

No

**relate to insurance**

No

**Project title and description**

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

**Provide a project title.**

Tooma Hall Redevelopment

**Provide a brief project description for publication.****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 community.**

This project will redevelop the Tooma Hall to meet a core need for a community meeting space for the Tooma community. It will address the building's non-compliance with current building standards and make the hall into a modern function centre.

The completed project will support and enhance social recovery and the economic development of Tooma. It will also provide a safer refuge in the event of future bushfires.

The project will involve:

- construction of a deck with sealed storage
- A commercial kitchen
- Renew and upgrade the septic system and plumbing from kitchen into the septic
- Upgrading the lighting, power and acoustics
- Upgrading the toilet and shower facilities
- Providing compliant disabled access

**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.**

Deck and storage area

Demolition of existing ramp, handrails, verandah

Construction of new decking

Construction of balustrades

Stairs

Construction of storage room under deck

Construction of northern deck roofing

Services

Electrical system upgrade

Relocation of existing reverse cycle AC compressors for deck construction

Installation of new reverse cycle AC to kitchen and rear room (5kW)

Bathroom amenities block

Demolition of existing toilet block

Excavation of new block pad

Construction of new concrete brick toilet block

Supply and Install Toilet Units (incl Cistern, Pan and Seat)

Vanities

Supply and install Disabled Toilet Unit (incl. Cistern, Pan and Seat)

Supply and Install Disabled access shower

Joinery and Mirror Allowance

Supply and Install Basins

Supply and Install Faucets

Supply and Install Handryers

Supply and install ambulant and disabled handrails

Supply and install partions

Prep and Paint Walls

Floor Tiles

Wall Tiles

Replace Doors

External Amenities

Kitchen

Demolition of existing cabinets and shelves

Cartage and tip fees

Cabinetry

Plumbing for sink and dishwasher

Table for dishwasher

Dishwasher racks

Fridge

Dish Washer

Ovens (1200W) 8 burner

Rangehood

Replace floor coverings

Tiling splashbacks

Painting (prepare and paint) walls

Painting (prepare and paint) ceiling

Main Hall

Acoustic ceiling

Painting main hall (Roof 16m X 10m, side walls 16m x height estimate 3m, end walls 10m x height estimated 3m = 316) plus meeting room.

Replace existing light fittings with LED battens

Supper room

Replace existing flooring (5.0m x 15.0m)

Upgrade lighting to LED battens

External Works

Demolition and removal of existing concrete tank

New 100,000L water tank

Replace non-compliant handrail at front entry steps

Replace existing septic tank (tank only)

Installation of childcare compliant fencing and

Replace sports field shelter

Parking area and associated civil works

Roofing

Removal of existing roof sheeting

Removal of roof structure across kitchen  
 Construction of new trussed roof structure across kitchen and portion of new NW deck area  
 Resheeting in galvanised corrugated iron all roofing

## Project outcomes

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

### Provide a summary of the expected project outcomes.

Completing this project will result in 3 main outcomes:

- \* Provide a safe and welcoming space to support the community with its ongoing efforts to heal and recover from the trauma of the bushfires.
- \* Provide a safer place for refuge in the event of future bushfires.
- \* Assist the economic recovery of the Tooma area by providing a venue capable of hosting tourism events in the region.

Tooma's isolation from neighbouring towns means that there is no alternative meeting place for the community. The Tooma Hall has had no substantive renovations since it was built in 1953. While it is a solid building, it is substantially non-compliant with current standards. The grant application aims to address the most pressing of these, namely:

- \*non-compliant and dangerous access to the hall (steep access ramp, steep and non-compliant railing – to be replaced with new accessible deck),
- \*non-compliant toilet/shower facilities (building can't be modified to comply – will have to be demolished and re-built),
- \*kitchen that doesn't meet basic hygiene standards for public functions – install new stainless steel fittings
- \*no external lighting for many entrances, which is particularly dangerous for our ageing population – LED lighting proposed.
- \*no disabled accessible parking space (install one space),
- \*non compliant playground fencing to be replaced with new fencing compliant with the Children's Services Regulation for the Puggles Children's Services Van
- \*installation of replacement septic tank for 1964 tank to also capture sullage (currently sullage is discharged overground to the carpark and oval.

## Project duration

Your project must be completed in line with the dates provided in the grant opportunity guidelines.

Your project can start upon execution of the grant agreement, estimated to be from January 2022.

You must complete your project by 31 March 2024.

### Estimated project start date

31/08/2022

### Estimated project end date

29/03/2024

### Estimated project length (in months)

19

## Project milestones

Provide details on the project milestones including the key activities occurring at each milestone.

The milestone start and end dates must be between the project start and end dates. You can add up to 10 milestones.

### Milestone title

Design development and approval

### Description

architectural design package, project management appointment

### Estimated start date

04/09/2022

### Estimated end date

30/12/2022

### Milestone title

Scope and tender package development

### Description

development of scope and tender package by the project manager

### Estimated start date

03/01/2023

**Estimated end date**

03/02/2023

**Milestone title**

Tender and evaluation

**Description**

Calling of tenders and evaluation

**Estimated start date**

06/02/2023

**Estimated end date**

31/03/2023

**Milestone title**

Construction

**Description**

Construction phase of project

**Estimated start date**

22/05/2023

**Estimated end date**

29/03/2024

**Eligible Local Government Areas (LGAs)**

You can only undertake project activities in a Local Government Area (LGA) that has been declared as eligible for assistance under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for the 2019-20 bushfires. Individual projects may include activities that are undertaken in multiple eligible LGAs. Eligible LGAs are listed in Appendix A.

**State**

Please select from the list below.

NSW

**LGA's Eligible in NSW**

Snowy Valleys

**Project location****Project Site 1**

Tooma Recreation Reserve  
Cnr Tooma Road and Lower Mannus Creek Rd  
Tooma NSW 2642  
Australia

**Estimated % of project value expected to be undertaken at site**

100

**Project budget**

Provide a summary of your eligible project expenditure over the life of the project.

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 grant opportunity guidelines for guidance on eligible expenditure.

The minimum project expenditure for this grant opportunity is \$20,000.

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.

Please note the below budget limitations:

- Administrative support/overheads (including project management or project co-ordination) (max 10% of the grant)
- Staff training (max 5% of the grant)
- Contingency costs (max 10% of the grant)
- Report on project outcomes (max 5% of the grant)

### Project budget summary

Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Costs
Project expenditure			\$997,446
	Equipment/ Materials (purchase or hire)		\$0
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
	Salary		\$0
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
	Contracts		\$865,569
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$865,569
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
	Infrastructure / Building, including approvals		\$0
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0

Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Costs
		2025/26	\$0
	Workshops, conferences and events		\$0
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
	Domestic travel		\$0
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
	Administrative support/overheads (including project management or project co-ordination)		\$22,000
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$22,000
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
	Planning, environmental or other regulatory approvals		\$7,200
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$7,200
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
	Staff training		\$0
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0



Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Costs
		2025/26	\$0
	Contingency		\$90,677
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$90,677
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
	Report on project outcomes		\$12,000
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$12,000
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
	Other		\$0
		2021/22	\$0
		2022/23	\$0
		2023/24	\$0
		2024/25	\$0
		2025/26	\$0
Total project expenditure			\$997,446

Financial Year	Costs
2022/23	\$997,446
2023/24	\$0
Total project expenditure	\$997,446

**What is the total project cost including ineligible expenditure not included above?**

**This is the sum of eligible and non-eligible costs to the project.**

\$ 997,446

### Source of funding

In this section you must provide details of how you will fund the project.

The total of all sources of funding should be equal to your total project expenditure in the section above. Sources of funding include

- grant amount sought
- your contribution

- other contributions as allowed in the grant opportunity guidelines.

## Grant amount sought

Enter the grant amount sought. We will add GST to this where applicable.

The minimum grant amount under this grant opportunity is \$20,000. The maximum grant amount under this grant opportunity is \$10,000,000.

\$ 997,446

## Your contribution

Enter your organisation name. In the description field, provide additional details. Indicate whether your contribution is sourced from cash flow, loans, equity etc.

## Other non-government contribution

Enter the organisation name. In the description field, provide additional details.

If you have project partners we will ask you for their details later in the application. You must provide their name and their contribution here.

## Assessment criteria

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 50 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.

## Assessment criterion 1

**How your project will assist in community recovery from the 2019-20 bushfires? (Score out of 50)**

You should demonstrate this by identifying:

- a. how your project addresses the recovery or resilience needs of the community directly related to impacts of the 2019-20 bushfires through the adoption of/or investment in one or more of the following benefit areas:
  - o social recovery and resilience needs of the local community may include improving community connections and social inclusion through community development activities, cultural events and workshops, protecting local heritage and addressing disadvantage within the community, preserving Aboriginal cultural heritage and supporting Indigenous communities through activities, workshops and events.
  - o economic recovery and resilience needs of the region may include job creation, new businesses, tourism and supporting local producers and suppliers. Projects must support communities, not just individual businesses or organisations.
  - o recovery and resilience of the built environment needs may include the improvement or extension of existing infrastructure in a manner that drives economic growth, creates jobs and makes the affected LGA or broader region a more attractive place to live or visit.
- b. how your project complements, builds on and does not duplicate existing or planned 2019-20 bushfire recovery efforts in the community.
- c. the broader benefits that your project will deliver for the region and the community.

Tooma is a small, isolated agricultural community in the Upper Murray area of NSW which was devastated by the Black Summer bushfires. It is located approximately half-way between Corryong in VIC and Tumbarumba in NSW. In January 2020, three separate fire fronts converged on the Tooma valley: the Dunn's Road bushfire, the Green Valley fire and East Ournie Creek bushfires.

The Tooma Recreation Reserve is the only public facility for members of the community to come together to connect and recover together after the bushfires. The hall was built in the 1950's and has not changed much since that time. The hall needs a number of improvements to make it a safe place; meet contemporary building standards; preserve its heritage; reduce ongoing maintenance costs and support the social and economic development of the community.

In an area with no public transport and limited access to social and sporting opportunities, upgrading the Tooma Hall is critical to supporting social recovery and the resilience needs of the local community. The hall is used extensively for a wide range of activities. It is the community's only fire refuge. The facility hosts the Puggles Mobile Children's Services Van which provides early childhood education to remote communities. The venue hosts an annual Christmas gathering, seminars, movie nights, workshops, yoga, district cricket, Volunteer Fire Brigade Training, local meetings, balls, birthdays and engagements. It is also used for weddings, bootcamp, elections and has a library full of donated books.

Since the bushfires, all recovery and resilience events at Tooma have been organised and executed by the community, for the community at the Tooma Recreation Reserve.

Completing this project will provide a safe and welcoming space to support the community with its ongoing efforts to heal and recover from the trauma of the bushfires. It will also provide a safer refuge in the event of future bushfires. The Tooma Recreation Reserve is designated by the Rural Fire Service as a Neighbourhood Safer Place for refuge during an extreme bushfire event. During the 2019/2020 fires, people fleeing the threat of fire to Corryong to the south and the Elliott Way to the north of Tooma took refuge at the Tooma Recreation Reserve, as there was briefly no safe road out of the area. People sheltering at the Tooma Hall had to contend with a lack of power, communications and water at the venue during and after the fires. The hall subsequently hosted Blaze Aid teams for over 12 months while repairing thousands of kilometres of fencing damaged in the fires. During their time there it was repeatedly noted that the hall does not comply with several safety and building requirements.

More broadly, improving the hall infrastructure will upgrade the venue into a modern function centre, supporting the growth of the visitor economy and value-added enterprises in the area. In turn, increased usage will generate further revenue to contribute to ongoing maintenance costs.

The venue has hosted music events such as an album launch and bushfire fundraising concert by Aria and multi-Golden Guitar winning artist Fanny Lumsden and her band. It also draws visitors to the annual Tooma Easter Gymkhana. The event is important in preserving and celebrating the high-country cultural heritage of the area, as well as being a fundraising event. The money raised goes back into the maintenance of the hall, and to support other local community groups and charities.

Boutique accommodation in the Tooma area continues to grow. The hall is located close to premium cool climate vineyards and cellar doors. The Three Bridges @ Tooma boutique markets is a flourishing annual market that draws thousands of visitors in October each year. An upgrade hall would support the development of 'break out' activities such as local food and wine events or larger musical performances as part of the market weekend.

This project is referred to on page 25 of the Snowy Valleys Council Community Strategic Plan. Upgrading of the hall will contribute towards better village amenity and cohesion within the 'Our Towns and Villages' theme. The project also aligns strongly with the Upper Murray 2030 Vision Plan. The Snowy Valleys tourism brand strategy encourages visitors to 'get off the clock' and explore the beauty of its valleys, produce and hidden gems. In a valley known for its beauty, people and produce, redeveloping the Tooma Hall will serve to support the community in rebuilding economically, after the devastation of the 2020 Black Summer Bushfires. This economic outcome complements the venue's redevelopment as a safe place for fire refuge, and a secure and inviting space for community-led events that support the Tooma area's ongoing resilience and recovery.

## Assessment criterion 2

### Capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project (Score out of 50)

You should demonstrate this by identifying:

- a. your track record managing similar projects and access to personnel and/or partners with the right skills and experience
- b. sound project planning to manage and monitor the project, including scope, implementation methodology, timeframes, budget and risk management planning (including mitigation of health risks associated with the current COVID-19 pandemic).

The project will be managed by the Tooma Recreation Reserve Committee, a Section 355 community organisation that manages the Tooma Hall and Recreation Reserve on behalf of Snowy Valleys Council. The committee has a diverse range of skilled members. The Treasurer of the Tooma Recreation Reserve Committee is an accountant with over 30 years public administration and local government experience, including as General Manager with ultimate responsibility for project management of major government grants. Other committee members run a boutique B&B in the Tooma Valley and are family farming operators with many years of experience. All have the best interests of the Tooma community in mind when making decisions that affect the local community.

The project will be conducted in accordance with Snowy Valleys Council policies and procedures. These include Council's procurement, risk management and Covid-safe procedures. Snowy Valleys Council is experienced in managing large capital projects on time and within budget. Snowy Valleys Council was a regional award winner in the 2020 Statewide Risk Management Excellence Awards, recognizing its commitment to volunteers and the work undertaken to improve the management of its S355 committees.

Project management of the project will be let to an experienced building/architectural firm in accordance with the SVC procurement policy. Allowance for this has been made in the project budget. An architect and project manager have already been engaged to provide concept outcome advice, project planning and strategy to deliver the project. A Project Management Plan has been drafted (attached to this application) and will be expanded on following grant approval and subsequent contracting of the professional services.

## Project partners

If applicable, provide details about all project partners

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

### Project partner

No Project partners found for this Application.

## Bank Account Details

If your application is successful we will need to set up a payment process to pay your grant. We need your bank account details to do this. If your application is not successful we will not process these details.

**Account Name**

Tooma Recreation Reserve

**BSB**

633000

**Account Number**

149123812

**Payment Contact**

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We will send the payment remittance advice to this person. All other notifications are sent to the primary contact whose details you provide on the last page of this application.

**Title**

Mrs

**Given name**

Kay

**Family Name**

Whitehead

**Position Title**

Treasurer

**Email address**

toomarecreserve@outlook.com

**Phone number**

0448448509

**Mobile Number**

0448448509

**Application finalisation**

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**Conflict of interest**

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**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.**

No

**Program feedback**

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**How did you hear about this grant opportunity?**

Word of mouth

**Additional information**

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You should attach any additional supporting documentation here. You should only attach documents that we have requested or you have referred to in your application.

**Project plan**

A detailed project plan that includes a risk assessment plan.

Tooma Hall - Project Management Plan.pdf

**Project budget**

A detailed project budget that identifies costs under each head of expenditure and includes an explanation of how the costs were determined. Include any third party contributions.

Tooma Hall - Refurbishment Costing.pdf

**Evidence of community support**

This could include items such as letters of support for your project and testimonials.

Puggles letter of support.pdf

Clancy letter Tooma Community Hall27Sept21.pdf

letter of support Minutello.pdf

letter of support Three Bridges at Tooma.pdf  
SVC letter of support.pdf  
letter of support Paton.docx  
letter of support Yola Cox.docx  
letter of support Tooma RFS Brigade.docx  
Risk Assessment Plan -Tooma Hall.xlsx  
Enterprise-Risk-Management-Framework-Signed-by-General-Manager-25-01-19.pdf

**Evidence of landownership or environmental approvals (where applicable)**

Where the proposed project site/s are not owned or managed by you, written consent is required from the property owner and/or property manager that allows for the implementation of the proposed project on each project site.  
SVC letter of support.pdf

**Trust documents**

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 BSBR@industry.gov.au.

## Primary contact

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**Title**

Mrs

**Given Name**

Ros

**Family Name**

Cadle

**Position Title**

Secretary

**Email Address**

cadles@activ8.net.au

**Phone Number**

0269484468

**Mobile Number**

0447484468

**Business postal address of the primary contact****Is the address located in Australia?**

Yes

**Address Details**

The Poplars  
452 Welumba Creek Rd  
GREG GREG NSW 2642  
Australia

## Declaration

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**Privacy and confidentiality provisions**

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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.

### **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/management committee 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 understand that the applicant is responsible for ensuring that it has met relevant state or territory legislation obligations related to working with children, and that any person that has direct, unsupervised contact with children as part of a project under this grant opportunity, has undertaken and passed, a working with children check, if required under relevant state or territory legislation. The applicant is also responsible for assessing the suitability of people engaged on this project to ensure children are kept safe.

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 submit this form on behalf of the applicant and acknowledge that this is the equivalent of signing this application.

**By checking this box I agree to all of the above declarations and confirm all of the above statements to be true**

Yes