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Energy Innovation Fund Round 3 – Electrification of the Food and Beverage Processing and Manufacturing Sector

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INTRODUCTION

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What you need to know before completing the application form

Please be sure to have read the relevant [Application Guidelines \(https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund\)](https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund) before completing the application form.

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I confirm that I have read and understood the relevant Application Guidelines.

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ELIGIBILITY – APPLICANT

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If you answer 'No' to any of the below questions, you are not eligible to apply for this grant. Please refer to the Application Guidelines for full details.

1. Does the Applicant hold an Australian Business Number?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2. Is the applicant one of the following entity types (select 1 only)

- a) an Australian entity duly incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth.) and hold and comply with all necessary authorisations that are material to the conduct of the business of the Applicant
- b) a Commonwealth entity under section 10 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (Cth.)
- c) an Australian State or Territory owned body corporate, or a subsidiary of an Australian State or Territory owned body corporate
- d) an Australian State or Territory local government or council.
- e) An entity that does not meet any the above classifications, but has sought and obtained written approval from the Department to submit an application.

In some limited circumstances a legal entity other than those listed may, at the Department’s discretion, be accepted as an eligible Applicant. Any other entity that wants to apply to the Fund should contact the Department prior to the lodgement of Applications.

3. Solvency

The Applicant is not subject to any insolvency event including the subject of an order or resolution for winding up or dissolution (other than for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation) or the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, administrator or similar.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4. Intellectual property

The Applicant is the legal and beneficial owner of, or have all necessary rights to use, any intellectual property necessary to carry out the Project.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

5. Knowledge sharing

The Applicant agrees to submit a Knowledge Sharing Plan and enter into an agreement with the Department to publicly share knowledge and information about, and resulting from, the Project described in the application (e.g. as part of the Funding Agreement).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

6. Legal proceedings

The Applicant will disclose any legal proceedings or investigation including, litigation, arbitration, mediation or conciliation that are taking place, pending or (to the best of the Applicant's knowledge, after having made proper enquiry) threatened against the Applicant or a related body corporate (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 - Cth).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7. History of grant funding

The Applicant will disclose all Australian State, Territory and Commonwealth Government grants applied for in relation to the Project and the history of grant funding (including both successful and unsuccessful applications).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8. Industrial relations

The Applicant will materially comply with: all obligations under employment contracts, industrial agreements and awards; all codes of conduct and practice relevant to conditions of service and to the relations between the applicant and the employees employed by the applicant; all applicable Workplace Health and Safety legislation.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

9. Insurance

The Applicant holds all insurances required by law to be effected by the Applicant.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

10. Fair Jobs Policy

Does the applicant hold a valid Fair Jobs Code Pre-Assessment Certificate issued by the Fair Jobs Code Unit, where the total grant value being sought is \$500,000 or more (exclusive of GST)? Further information regarding Fair Jobs Code Pre-assessment certificates can be found at www.buyingforvic.gov.au/apply-fair-jobs-code-pre-assessment-certificate (<https://www.buyingforvic.gov.au/apply-fair-jobs-code-pre-assessment-certificate>).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A

11. Sanctions

The Applicant is not named on the list of persons and entities on the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade sanctions list. See www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions (<https://www.dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions>).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. Workplace Gender Equality

The Applicant is not named as an organisation that hasn't complied with the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please confirm you have answered 'Yes' to all the above questions. If you have have answered 'No' to any, you are not

eligible to apply for this grant. Please refer to the Application Guidelines for full details.

ELIGIBILITY - PROJECT

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If you answer 'No' to any of the below questions, you are not eligible to apply for this grant. Please refer to the Application Guidelines for full details.

1. Project type

The Project supports the electrification of the food and beverage processing and manufacturing sector through the substitution of fossil fuel usage with efficient, electric alternatives.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2. ANZSIC Code Reference

Please confirm the ANZSIC (Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification) Code associated with your business. This code is typically linked to your ABN (Australian Business Number) and reflects the primary business activity of your organisation.

If your ANZSIC code does not align with the food and beverage processing and manufacturing sector, use this section to articulate why. A directory of ANZSIC codes can be found here: www.dcceew.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/anzsic-code-hierarchy.pdf (<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/anzsic-code-hierarchy.pdf>)

3. Location

Does the Project primarily involve activities that take place in Victoria?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4. Regulatory Approvals

Can the Applicant demonstrate how they comply or intend to comply with regulatory requirements applicable to the proposed technology and project scope?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

5. Emissions

Can the Applicant demonstrate that the Project contributes to Victoria achieving net zero emissions by 2045?
Please note, while no minimum quantitative threshold has been set for eligibility, projects are expected to demonstrate a credible contribution to net emissions reduction.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

6. TRL and CRI

Does the proposed technology have a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 9, or a demonstrable pathway to reach TRL 9 by the date the Funding Agreement is executed, and a Commercial Readiness Index (CRI) of between 2-5 (refer to Appendix A of the Application Guidelines)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please confirm you have answered 'Yes' to all the above questions. If you have answered 'No' to any, you are not eligible to apply for this grant. Please refer to the Application Guidelines for full details.

APPLICANT ORGANISATION/CONTACT DETAILS

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Please provide details of the organisation submitting this Application, as well as any participating organisations that will deliver part of the Project scope (participating organisations).

As outlined in section 4.1.1 of the Application Guidelines, if at the time of the Application, the Recipient is expected to be a different legal entity to the Applicant, the Applicant must specify this in its Application and provide details of the expected Recipient.

Applicants should note that the Recipient (if different to the Applicant) must also meet and comply with the eligibility criteria set out above. The Department will not be obliged to enter into a Funding Agreement with any person other than the proposed Recipient assessed by the Department at the time of application or an entity that is majority-owned and controlled by the proposed Recipient assessed by the Department at the time of application.

Organisation's Australian Business Number (ABN):

Name of Applicant Organisation:

Is your ABN registered for GST?

Trading name of Applicant organisation

Incorporation Number (if registered):

Street Address:

Town / Suburb:

State:

Postcode:

Postal address same as address above?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please disclose any legal proceedings or investigations that are taking place, pending or (to the best of the Applicant's knowledge, after having made proper enquiry) threatened against the Applicant or a related body corporate. If none, please put N/A.

Your response should align with the information captured within Tab F of the EIF Cost Template.

Does the applicant organisation have an ultimate holding company?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Project manager details for the person who will manage this project through to acquittal.

Title:

First Name:

Last Name:

Position:

Primary Contact Number:
(Landline or Mobile accepted)

Mobile number:
(if different to Primary)

Email:

Person authorised to sign the contract.

Title:

First Name:

Last Name:

Position:

Primary contact number:
(Landline or Mobile accepted)

Mobile number
(if different to Primary)

Email:

If successful under this application, is the Applicant the intended recipient of the grant funding?

Please refer to the glossary of the Application Guidelines for further details for definitions of Applicant and Recipient.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Explain why the Recipient for grant funding is expected to be different from the applicant.

Does the intended recipient's have an ACN (if applicable)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

ANZSIC Code Reference This code is typically linked to your ABN (Australian Business Number) and reflects the primary business activity of the funding recipients organisation. If their ANZSIC code does not align with the food and beverage processing and manufacturing sector, use this section to articulate why. A directory of ANZSIC codes can be found here:

www.dcceew.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/anzsic-code-hierarchy.pdf
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Intended recipients Australian Business Number (ABN):

Recipient organisation name:

Recipient organisation registered for GST?

Trading name of recipient

Recipients organisation type:

OTHER PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

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Please provide details of any other major contributors to the Project, including organisations or institutions that will materially take part in delivery of the Project, as far as it is currently understood. For example, this may include partner organisations, sponsors, joint venturers and contractors. Up to 5 participating organisations can be reflected below (if additional participating organisations apply, please provide this information in a supporting attachment).

Are there other participating organisations?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please select '+ Add' to add other participating organisations details. To access or edit saved responses, click on the 3 dots to the right of the screen. Click the Save & next button to move to the next page.

Please check the box to acknowledge that supporting evidence as applicable relating to the identified Participating Organisations will be required at the supporting documents section of this application.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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What is your project about?

Project Title

Project Type:

- ☐ Pilot / Demonstration (time-bound initiative that tests, validates or showcases an electrification solution in real-world settings to inform future adoption, scaling or investment).
- ☐ Capital Works (focused on the construction and installation of physical infrastructure or equipment to enable electrification of industrial processes within the food and beverage processing and manufacturing sector)

Please describe your project.

In this section, please provide an overview of your Project. Your response should outline the key features and intended outcomes of the Project, including:

- **Project concept and objectives** – a concise description of the Project and how it addresses the objectives of Round 3 (i.e. electrification of the food and beverage sector, contribution to emissions reduction, and alignment with Victoria’s energy transition policies).
- **Technologies to be deployed** – details of the electrification technologies proposed (e.g. electric boilers, heat pumps, dryers, or other eligible equipment), their readiness level (TRL/CRI), and the innovation or transformational aspects.
- **Project size, site and capabilities** – information on the scale of the Project, key site characteristics, and capabilities of the Applicant and partners to deliver the Project.
- **Operations and delivery approach** – how you intend to implement and operate the Project, including delivery timelines, integration into existing processes, and ongoing operation and maintenance.
- **Anticipated impacts** – a summary of expected outcomes, including contribution to Victoria’s net zero emissions by 2045, potential for broader replication or scalability across the sector, and indicative economic and community benefits (e.g. regional employment, supply chain impact, local community support).

Please ensure your Project overview addresses the Applicant and Project Eligibility Criteria set out in Section 4.1 of these Guidelines before completing this section.

When will the project take place?

Estimated Project start date.

When you expect to begin the activities described in this application. Please ensure this date aligns with the dates reflected within corresponding templates.

Estimated Project Completion Date:

When do you expect to complete the activities described in this application. Please ensure this date aligns with the dates reflected within corresponding templates.

When do you expect the Project to be operational? Provide your best estimate.

Please ensure this date aligns with the dates reflected within corresponding templates.

Please describe any assumptions or caveats for the expected date of operation.

I confirm I will upload the project plan in the supporting documents section

Project plan should include a detailed Project description, Project scope, timelines, key Project activities and outcomes. Download the Department's Project Plan Template from the EIF website www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund (<https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund>).

Location

Click + Add to add up to 5 project location/s. Any additional locations add to supporting documents section. To access or edit saved responses, click on the 3 dots to the right of the screen. Click the Save & next button to move to the next page.

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Full Street Address.

Include:

- **Street**
- **Town/Suburb**
- **State**
- **Postcode**

50 words

Total Project Eligible Expenditure

Refer to Application Guidelines Section 5 to understand what expenditure will be eligible for EIF Grant Funding.

Total project eligible expenditure:

Grant amount requested

Your response should reflect the total grant amount your Application seeks under Round 3. Please note that the EIF will only fund up to 50 per cent of a Project's Eligible Expenditure, with each grant capped at \$2 million per application, unless exceptional value is demonstrated. Any remaining eligible costs would need to be covered by other funding sources, as listed within your EIF Cost Template. This would mean, for example:

- A project with \$2 million in total Eligible Expenditure could seek a maximum of \$1 million in EIF funding;

- A project with \$10 million in total Eligible Expenditure could request up to \$2 million in EIF funding.

Total amount requested from this program:

Technologies

Describe the electrification technologies that will be deployed by your Project.

Considering further details have been requested within the EIF Project Plan and EIF Cost Template, we recommend Applicants keep their response to this question brief.

Describe how the technology used achieves a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 9. In cases where a TRL of 9 is not achieved, please outline a clear, demonstrable path to the technology used achieving a TRL of 9 by the time a Funding Agreement is entered into.

TRL 9 summary: Actual system proven through successful operations: Fully integrated with operational hardware/software systems. Actual system has been thoroughly demonstrated and tested in its operational environment. All documentation completed. Successful operational experience. Sustaining engineering support in place. Information on TRL can be found in Appendix A of the Application Guidelines.

Describe how the technology used in your Project achieves a Commercial Readiness Index (CRI) of 2 to 5.

Information on CRI can be found in Appendix A of the Application Guidelines.

MERIT CRITERIA 1

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MERIT CRITERION 1 – SUPPORTING THE ENERGY TRANSITION – ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO NET ZERO BY 2045

This criterion assesses how a Project will support Victoria's energy transition and contribute towards net zero by 2045 target

Click + Add to see and respond to questions relating to this merit criteria. To access or edit saved responses, click on the 3 dots to the right of the screen. Once you have completed all mandatory questions click the Save & next button to move to

the next page.

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MERIT CRITERION 1 – SUPPORTING THE ENERGY TRANSITION – ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO NET ZERO BY 2045

This criterion assesses how a Project will support Victoria’s energy transition and contribute towards net zero by 2045 target

Explain how your Project supports Victoria’s energy transition and contributes towards Victoria’s target of net zero by 2045.

Where relevant, please reference how your Project aligns with Victoria’s key policy initiatives (i.e. Victoria’s Gas Substitution Roadmap, Victoria’s renewable energy targets, etc.).

250 words

How will the proposed electrification technology within your Project directly support the decarbonisation of industrial processes associated with food and beverage processing and manufacturing, and support the transition away from fossil fuel use?

In your response, clearly name the electrification technology your Project will use and briefly explain how this technology replaces or reduces the use of fossil fuel-based systems currently used in food and beverage manufacturing.

Describe which specific industrial processes the technology will apply to (such as heating, cooling, drying, or other energy-intensive operations) and explain the expected impact on emissions, showing how the technology will help reduce greenhouse gases and support the transition to cleaner energy. If a quantitative estimate is included to demonstrate the impact on emissions, please clearly explain the methodology, assumptions or data sources used to calculate this estimate.

You may also refer to relevant details in the Project Outcomes section of the EIF Project Plan Template to support your response.

250 words

How will your Project support future scalability of the proposed technology within the food and beverage processing and manufacturing sector?

In addressing this question, your response should describe how your Project enables the proposed technology to be scaled or replicated across similar food and beverage industrial settings. Focus on practical factors that support broader adoption, such as cost-effectiveness, ease of integration, and relevance to common industry processes. Avoid speculative or aspirational claims. Additional information may be summarised in Project outcomes of the EIF Project Plan Template.

250 words

MERIT CRITERIA 2

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MERIT CRITERION 2 – DEMONSTRATED PATHWAY TO COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

This criterion assesses the ability of a Project to demonstrate a viable pathway to commercial operations and electrification.

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MERIT CRITERION 2 – DEMONSTRATED PATHWAY TO COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

This criterion assesses the ability of a Project to demonstrate a viable pathway to commercial operations and electrification.

Summarise your understanding of the financial, technical, environmental, and delivery risks associated with your Project. What strategies have you put in place to manage these risks?

Your response should reflect the contents of your attached risk register and highlight any high-priority risks or mitigation measures.

For completeness, financial risks may include funding shortfalls, cost overruns, or cash flow constraints. Technical risks relate to technology performance, integration challenges, or scalability. Environmental risks may involve compliance issues, emissions, or impacts on natural systems. Delivery risks include delays due to procurement, workforce availability, or supply chain disruptions.

250 words

I confirm I will upload the risk register in the supporting documents section.

Download the Department's [risk register template \(https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund\)](https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund).

Applicants should reflect a more detailed breakdown of the financial, technical, environmental, and delivery risks associated with their Project and how they propose to best address the risks identified.

true

What is the proposed pathway to commercial feasibility for both the Project and the electrification technology in the food and beverage sector, and the understanding of all required approvals for this Project?

In addressing this question, describe the steps required for your Project to reach commercial viability, including necessary approvals (environmental, planning and regulatory), timelines, and stakeholder engagement. Also explain how these steps could enable broader industry adoption of the technology within the food and beverage processing and manufacturing sector. Additional information may be summarised in the EIF Project Milestone Template.

250 words

I confirm I will upload the milestones in the supporting documents section.

Download the EIF Milestone Template (<https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund>). Include objectively verifiable milestones for the receipt of grant funding for your Project, as well as associated dates or timing for completion of those milestones. Guidance on how to design the proposed Project milestones is included within the EIF Project Milestone template.

true

Provide details of the Applicant's relevant experience and proven track record in delivering projects of a similar scale and nature, either in Australia or internationally.

To demonstrate your team's experience and capacity, provide examples of past projects similar in scale and type to your proposed Project, delivered in Australia or internationally. Identify the key outcomes and lessons learnt from these past examples to show your familiarity with the relevant sector, technology, and delivery environment. Where possible, include references to clients or case studies that support your track record.

250 words

What technical capabilities does the Applicant possess to successfully deliver the proposed Project?

In addressing this question, your response should clearly describe the technical skills, expertise, and resources within your project team that will support successful delivery of the proposed Project. Include examples of where these capabilities have been applied previously, and highlight access to any specialised equipment, facilities, or partnerships. Where relevant, reference how these capabilities are reflected in your EIF Risk Register Template.

250 words

MERIT CRITERIA 3

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MERIT CRITERION 3 – ECONOMIC IMPACT & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

This criterion assesses the impact of the Project on the Victorian economy, local and regional benefits and community support. Consider the forecasted direct and indirect economic impacts of your Project.

Click + Add to see and respond to questions relating to this merit criteria. To access or edit saved responses, click on the 3 dots to the right of the screen. Once you have completed all mandatory questions click the Save & next button to move to the next page.

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MERIT CRITERION 3 – ECONOMIC IMPACT & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

This criterion assesses the impact of the Project on the Victorian economy, local and regional benefits and community support. Consider the forecasted direct and indirect economic impacts of your Project.

What are the total direct economic impacts of your Project and associated local supply chains?

In your response, describe the direct economic benefits generated by both your Project and the local supply chains involved in its delivery. In addressing this question, you should include and reference:

- **capital investment (state the total Project spend in \$AUD and describe how the investment contributes to economic activity in the region, for example, infrastructure upgrades, equipment purchases, or construction works that involve local businesses or trades);**
- **job creation (provide the number and type of jobs created during the construction and operation phases type of jobs);**
- **local supply chain delivery (estimate the value of contracts or purchases made from local suppliers, contractors, and service providers (for example, engaging regional electricians, transport operators, packaging manufacturers, or engineering firms)); and**
- **regional economic contribution (explain how the combined activity supports broader economic outcomes (for example, strengthening local business viability, creating opportunities for apprenticeships, or increasing demand for regional services)).**

Use quantitative estimates where possible (e.g., dollar figures, job numbers, percentages) and clearly explain the methodology, assumptions or data sources used to calculate these figures. Responses should focus on direct economic benefits, not internal financial outcomes such as cost savings or profitability. Additional information will be required in the EIF- Cost Template, specifically 'F – Economic metrics' tab. Applicants may also refer to and consider how they comply with the Government's Local Jobs First Policy as part of their response: [Local Jobs First - Grant recipients \(https://localjobsfirst.vic.gov.au/industry-guidance/grant-recipients\)](https://localjobsfirst.vic.gov.au/industry-guidance/grant-recipients).

250 words

What are the total indirect economic impacts of your Project and associated local supply chains?

In your response, describe the indirect economic benefits that may arise as a result of your Project. These are secondary or flow-on effects that extend beyond immediate delivery of the Project. Your response should clearly explain how your Project contributes to ongoing economic activity and growth in the region or sector. This may include:

- increased demand for related goods or services (i.e. electrifying an industrial process may boost production efficiency, leading to greater demand for agricultural inputs, packaging materials, transport services, or retail distribution);
- growth or innovation in related industries or adjacent sectors (i.e. your Project may encourage other businesses to invest in new technologies, expand operations, or develop complementary products or services);
- workforce development (i.e. any training, upskilling, or employment pathways created for workers beyond your own organisation, such as apprenticeships, partnerships with local TAFEs, or transferable skills development); and
- improvements to infrastructure or services that benefit other businesses or the broader community (i.e. upgrades to energy systems, roads, or digital connectivity that benefit other businesses or the wider community).

Provide examples and estimates where possible. If quantitative estimates are included (e.g. dollar amounts, job numbers, percentages), clearly explain how the figures were calculated, including any data sources, assumptions, or methodology used. Qualitative descriptions are also acceptable if they clearly demonstrate the expected economic value.

Additional information will be required in the EIF- Cost Template, specifically 'F – Economic metrics' tab.

Applicants may also refer to and consider how they comply with the Government's Local Jobs First Policy as part of their response: Local Jobs First - Grant recipients (<https://localjobsfirst.vic.gov.au/industry-guidance/grant-recipients>).

250 words

What proportion of the total economic benefits from your Project is expected to accrue to regional areas?

In your response, estimate the percentage of total direct and indirect economic benefits that will be realised in regional areas as a result of your Project.

In developing your response:

- quantify the proportion of benefits expected to flow to regional areas (i.e. percentage of total spend, number of regional jobs, value of regional contracts);
- describe the types of benefits accruing to regional communities (i.e. employment, business growth, infrastructure improvements);
- identify the specific regions expected to benefit and explain how they are involved in project delivery or impact; and
- outline your methodology for calculating the percentage, including any assumptions, data sources, or geographic definitions used.

250 words

I confirm I will upload the Cost Template in the supporting documents section.

Download the Department's Cost Template from the EIF website (<https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund>).

true

Over what timeframe do you expect the forecast economic benefits to be realised?

Your response should include:

- **key milestones (i.e. when major activities will occur that generate economic benefits);**
- **start and end dates (for both development and operational phases, or the duration over which benefits are expected to accrue);**
- **benefit ramp-up (i.e. whether benefits will be realised immediately, gradually, or over a longer period);**
- **longevity of impact (i.e. how long the benefits are expected to continue once the Project is operational); and**
- **assumptions or dependencies (any factors that may influence the timing of benefits (i.e. regulatory approvals, market conditions)).**

Use clear timeframes (e.g. months, quarters, years) and link them to the specific types of economic benefits you have identified and mentioned within earlier questions.

250 words

How has your Project engaged with the local community to date?

In your response, describe the nature, extent, and quality of engagement with the local community, including Traditional Owners. If engagement has not yet occurred, outline a clear and culturally informed approach to future engagement.

To demonstrate this, your response should:

- **describe any consultation, communication, or collaboration activities already undertaken with local communities and Traditional Owners. Include who was engaged, how, and when;**
- **if engagement is yet to occur, outline a proactive strategy for initiating respectful, inclusive, and meaningful dialogue with both local communities and Traditional Owners. This should include timelines, methods (i.e. meetings, workshops, etc.) and intended participants;**
- **demonstrate a clear understanding of best-practice engagement processes, including culturally appropriate protocols and recognition of Traditional Owner rights and perspectives; and**
- **reference any relevant frameworks or obligations, such as the Victorian Aboriginal people: social procurement guide found here: www.buyingfor.vic.gov.au/victorian-aboriginal-people-social-procurement-guide (<https://www.buyingfor.vic.gov.au/victorian-aboriginal-people-social-procurement-guide>).**

Responses should be specific, structured, and demonstrate a genuine commitment to meaningful engagement. Additional detail may be included in the community consultation section of the EIF Project Plan Template if required.

250 words

How does your Project demonstrate local community benefits?

In addressing this question, your response should:

- **reference specific engagement activities completed and who was involved (e.g. community groups, Traditional Owners, local businesses, councils);**

- if available, reference letters of support, memoranda of understanding, partnership agreements or endorsements for local stakeholders;
- explain how community input has influenced Project design, delivery, or decision-making to date and highlight any changes made in response to concerns or suggestions; and
- describe how you are maintaining or plan to maintain open, transparent, and respectful communication with the community throughout the Project lifecycle.

If formal engagement has not yet occurred, outline your plan to build trust and support through future engagement. Additional information may be included in the 'Community Consultation' section of the EIF Project Plan Template.

250 words

MERIT CRITERIA 4

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MERIT CRITERION 4 – INNOVATION & KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Assessed under this criterion is the innovation delivered by a Project regarding deployment of innovative electric technologies in the food and beverage manufacturing sector and its ability to broaden the knowledge base in the Victorian renewable energy sector.

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MERIT CRITERION 4 – INNOVATION & KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Assessed under this criterion is the innovation delivered by a Project regarding deployment of innovative electric technologies in the food and beverage manufacturing sector and its ability to broaden the knowledge base in the Victorian renewable energy sector.

I confirm I will upload the Knowledge Sharing Plan in the supporting documents section.

Download the Knowledge Sharing Plan template from the EIF website (<https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund>).

true

Describe the innovative and transformational aspects of your Project.

In addressing this question, your response should:

- **clearly describe the innovation being delivered by the Project (Innovation can be demonstrated via the technology used, technical design, integration with other systems, business model or other aspects);**
- **demonstrate how it is new or underutilised in the Victorian/Australian context; and**
- **explain why it is transformational for the sector.**

250 words

Describe what knowledge and learnings you plan to share and how these will benefit the State.

Your response should summarise the information captured within the EIF Knowledge Sharing Plan Template.

250 words

How does your Project contribute to broader cultural and social outcomes in the local community?

Your response should demonstrate how the Project contributes to cultural, social and economic outcomes and explain how it will support inclusive knowledge exchange, particularly with Traditional Owners.

For completeness, cultural outcomes consider how the Project respects, incorporates or strengthens Indigenous cultural values, knowledge systems or practices. Social outcomes refer to how the Project promotes community wellbeing, inclusion and resilience. Economic outcomes refer to the economies benefits for communities, especially Traditional Owners.

Ensure your response aligns with the EIF Knowledge Sharing Plan Template, which should be completed and submitted as part of your application. Reference key elements from your plan where possible.

250 words

MERIT CRITERIA 5

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MERIT CRITERION 5 – PROMOTE DIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE IN VICTORIA / AUSTRALIA'S ENERGY SECTOR

Assessed under this criterion is the Project's ability to promote diversity and resilience across the energy sector

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Assessed under this criterion is the Project's ability to promote diversity and resilience across the energy sector

Describe the Project's ability to reduce industry's reliance on fossil gas.

Your response should demonstrate how the Project will transition energy use away from fossil gas toward electric or other low-emission alternatives, including:

- **how fossil gas is currently used in your industry or process;**
- **what your Project will do to reduce or replace fossil gas use; and**
- **the expected impact on fossil gas dependency within your industry or sector, including any measurable outcomes if available.**

If fossil gas is not applicable to your industrial processes, please state this clearly in your response.

250 words

Describe the extent to which the Project introduces new ways to reduce emissions within and beyond the food and beverage processing and manufacturing sector.

Applicants should showcase how their Project adopts innovative approaches or technologies that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in food and beverage production and manufacturing processes. In doing so, your response should:

- **identify the specific emissions sources the Project addresses;**
- **describe the innovative methods or technologies being used to reduce emissions;**
- **explain how these methods differ from current practices; and**
- **highlight the potential for broader application beyond the immediate Project.**

Your response may overlap with content provided under Merit Criterion 4.

You are encouraged to draw on relevant information already submitted, where appropriate, to ensure consistency.

250 words

MERIT CRITERIA 6

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MERIT CRITERION 6 – FINANCIAL VIABILITY, FUTURE SCALABILITY AND COMMERCIAL ATTRACTIVENESS

Assessed under this criterion is the Project's ability to demonstrate its financial viability and commercial attractiveness.

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MERIT CRITERION 6 – FINANCIAL VIABILITY, FUTURE SCALABILITY AND COMMERCIAL ATTRACTIVENESS

Assessed under this criterion is the Project's ability to demonstrate its financial viability and commercial attractiveness.

Articulate the current commercial challenges which are limiting your electrification technology achieving commerciality.

Your response should clearly identify the key commercial barriers preventing your electrification technology from reaching market readiness and explain why these challenges cannot be resolved before the proposed Funding Agreement date. Your response may refer to technical (i.e. performance limitations, integration issues, etc.), financial (i.e. high capital costs, lack of investment, etc.), regulatory (i.e. approvals, compliance requirements, etc.), market (i.e. low demand, lack of consumer awareness, etc.) or supply chain (access to components, skilled labour, etc.) challenges.

250 words

Explain why your Project cannot proceed without EIF funding support.

Your response should clearly explain why your Project is not financially viable without EIF grant funding. This includes demonstrating that other funding sources have been considered and are either unavailable or insufficient, and that Project costs cannot be reduced without compromising outcomes.

To demonstrate this, your response should:

- **explain why the Project cannot proceed without EIF funding;**
- **reference any financial limitations (i.e. lack of access to other funding sources, inability to generate sufficient cost savings, etc.);**

- confirm that Project costs cannot be reduced without materially affecting outcomes; and align with the information captured within the EIF Cost Template.

250 words

Provide a brief overview of how your Project will be funded.

Your response should summarise the funding structure of your Project, including the sources and types of funds being used. This may include funding from your organisation's balance sheet, debt financing, equity investment, or other sources. Your response should align with the details provided in the EIF Cost Template.

250 words

Do you expect your Project to be commercially viable without additional government support (in addition to the funding amount requested under the EIF)?

Your response should explain whether your Project will require further government support beyond the EIF funding requested. If additional support is expected, provide an estimate of the amount, explain why this support is needed, and why it cannot be sourced through other means. If no additional support is required, please state this clearly. Your response should align with the details provided in the EIF Cost Template.

250 words

I confirm I will upload the Cost Template in the supporting documents section.

Download the Department's Cost Template from the EIF website www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund (<https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/grants/energy-innovation-fund>).

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What is your proposed pathway to commence and complete the funded activities?

Your response should demonstrate that your Project has a realistic and well-defined plan to begin and complete the proposed activities. To demonstrate this, your response should:

- outline the key steps and timeline to commence and complete the Project;
- identify any critical dependencies or pre-conditions;
- demonstrate that the Project plan is achievable within the proposed timeframe; and
- align with the information provided in the EIF Project Milestone Template.

250 words

What is your organisation's financial capacity to deliver the Project?

To demonstrate your organisation's financial capacity, your response should:

- outline your organisation's financial capacity to support the Project;
- include details of secured co-funding or financial commitments;
- demonstrate ability to meet capital requirements (upfront and ongoing); and align with the EIF Cost Template, specifically the 'E – Financial Strength' tab.

250 words

How does your Project support future scalability of the technology or approach?

Your response should demonstrate how the outcomes of your Project will enable broader deployment or commercial expansion of the technology or approach. To demonstrate this, your response should:

- **explain how the Project outcomes support future scalability;**
- **identify any opportunities already in place for broader deployment; outline prerequisites for replication or expansion; and**
- **provide technical evidence or rationale for scalability. Applicants should limit their comments to realistic outcomes and not aspirational potentials.**

250 words

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS - Page 1

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Make sure that your attachments are of an acceptable file type and **do not exceed a maximum size of 10MB each**.

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Project Plan

Risk Register

Milestone Schedule

Knowledge Sharing Plan

Cost Template (Supporting information to justify the cost estimates and assumptions in the Project budget)

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Funding Agreement Departures Table (if applicable)

Participating Organisation Agreement Template (if applicable)

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I certify that I am authorised to submit a grant application on behalf of the applicant organisation. I state that the information in this application and attachments is to the best of my knowledge true and correct. I will notify DEECA of any changes to this information and any circumstances that may affect this application. I acknowledge the Privacy Collection Notice in the Introduction section of this application. I understand that DEECA is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982 and that if a Freedom of Information request is made, DEECA will consult with the applicant before any decision is made to release the application or supporting documentation. I understand that this is an application only and may not necessarily result in funding approval. I understand that if this application is successful, that funding will be subject to terms and conditions set out in agreement with the Department.

I have read and understood the Application Guidelines.

Please check this box to confirm that you accept this declaration.

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