Sample application form

Australian Centre for Quantum Growth program

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

Instructions

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

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

Completing your application

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

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

Saving your responses

You can save your changes at any time by using the Save button.

To prevent you losing your work you should save often. The portal will time out after 30 minutes if you do not save. Typing or moving your mouse does not reset the time out.

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

You can modify saved responses up until you submit your application.

Participants

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

- Select the Participants button
- Enter the details

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

Submitting your application

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

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

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

Internet browsers supported by the portal

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

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

Getting help

If you require further assistance completing this form, <u>contact us</u> by email or web chat or on 13 28 46.



A. Program selection

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

Some programs allow entities without an ABN to apply. The form is designed to accommodate these entities.

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

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

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

Where applicable, international organisations will need to provide

- country of registration
- registration number

A.1. Program selection

You must select from a drop-down menu the program that you are applying for. If you have been provided with an Invitation code, you will be able to enter it here which will select the program for you.

- Field 1 select Australian Centre for Quantum Growth
- Field 2 select Australian Centre for Quantum Growth

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

The Australian Centre for Quantum Growth grant will provide up to \$18.5 million over 4 years (2023-24 to 2026-27) for a consortium of organisations to create a national centre that will undertake industry growth activities.

The program was announced as part of the National Quantum Strategy and is an element of the Growing Australia's Critical Technologies Industries budget measure announced in the 2023-2024 budget.

The objectives of the program are to establish a National Centre that:

- Grows the Australian quantum industry and promotes collaboration in quantum technologies so as to foster interstate and international trade and commerce
- Facilitates improved coordination of research and development with a focus on industry-led solutions

- Educates industry and end users on the opportunities presented by quantum technologies and their numerous applications
- Promotes the ethical and secure adoption and development of the quantum industry
- Deepens Australia's relationships with key international partners, enabling the transfer of knowledge and capital, whilst retaining ownership of our sovereign Intellectual Property (IP)
- Fosters gender equality and First Nations Peoples' participation in the industry.

The maximum grant amount is \$18.5 million. The grant amount will be up to 75 per cent of eligible project expenditure.

You should read the <u>grant opportunity guidelines</u> and <u>sample grant agreement</u> before filling out this application. We recommend you keep the guidelines open as you are completing your application so you can refer to them when providing your responses.

You may submit your application at any time up until 5.00pm AEDT on 24 January 2024. Please take account of time zone differences when submitting your application.



B. Eligibility

We will ask you the following questions to establish your eligibility for the Australian Centre for Quantum Growth grant opportunity.

Questions marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

 Do you certify that you are the lead organisation in a consortium with one or more other entities, one of which is an Australian industry partner currently working in the quantum sector?*

You must answer yes to proceed to next question.

 Do you certify that you can fund your share of the project costs, and any ineligible expenditure and can provide evidence to demonstrate? *

You must answer yes to proceed to next question.

- Details are provided in section 7.1 of the grant opportunity guidelines regarding the documents you must provide with your application.
- Do you certify that you have or will have relevant intellectual property arrangements in place in order to undertake your project?*

You must answer yes to proceed to next section.

 The successful grantee must be capable of addressing intellectual property challenges as part of their project. Details are provided in sections 6.4, 13.6 and Appendices A & B of the grant opportunity guidelines.

This is a joint (consortia) application, please select the entity type of the lead organisation. You must select one of the eligible options from a drop-down menu to proceed to the next question.

 Details are provided in section 4 of the grant opportunity guidelines regarding who is eligible and ineligible to apply for this grant opportunity.

Select which type of entity your organisation is. *

- an entity incorporated in Australia and a trading corporation
- an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (Cth)
- a company limited by guarantee
- an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust where your trading activities
- an incorporated association
- a co-operative
- a university
- an unincorporated association
- none of the above

 Do you certify that you agree to form a company incorporated in Australia, or one of the other eligible entity types as outlined in the grant opportunity guidelines, prior to entering into a grant agreement. *

You must answer yes to proceed to next question.

 Do you certify that you agreed to have an ABN in place and be registered for GST prior to entering into a grant agreement. *

You must answer yes to proceed to next question.



C. Applicant address

C.1. Applicant street address

You must provide your street address

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

C.2. Applicant postal address

You must provide your postal address

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



D. About your organisation

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

D.1. Latest financial year figures

All values must be whole numbers. For example

6.5 months should be presented as 7 months

\$2 million should be presented as \$2,000,000

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

You must provide the following financial information about the applicant organisation for the financial year you have entered above.

Values must be that of the entity applying (the 'applicant'), regardless of whether the entity belongs to a consolidated group for tax purposes.

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

Sales revenue (turnover)

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

Export revenue

Total revenue from export sales, as reported in your organisation's Business Activity Statement (BAS).

R&D expenditure

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

Taxable income

Taxable income or loss as per your organisation's income tax return form.

Number of employees (headcount)

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

Number of independent contractors (headcount)

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

D.2. Your ANZSIC code

Provide from a drop-down menu:

 your organisation's main revenue earning division under the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (<u>ANZSIC</u>). your organisation's main revenue earning class under the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC).

D.3. Indigenous organisation

Is your organisation Indigenous owned?

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

Is your organisation Indigenous controlled?

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



E. Project information

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

If your application is successful, we will publish some grant details on <u>GrantConnect</u> and other government publications. Published details include:

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

E.1. Project title and description

Provide a project title.

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

Provide a brief project description.

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

Ensure your project description focuses on your project's key activities and outcomes. Outline what it is you are going to do and how it will promote growth in the Australian quantum industry.

E.2. Detailed project description and key activities

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

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

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

You must also provide a CV for each key personnel in the lead organisation and each consortia organisation and provide a detailed project plan containing a governance plan, business plan, risk management plan and data collection plan which you should attach later in your application. Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for the requirements of the project plan.

You should also refer to section 2 of the grant opportunity guidelines for information on program objectives and outcomes and consider how these align with your project. In addition, section 5.1 of the grant opportunity guidelines outline eligible grant activities.

E.3. Project outcomes

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

Provide a summary of the expected project outcomes.

For guidance, you should refer to section 2 of the grant opportunity guidelines for information on program objectives and outcomes and consider how these align with your project. In addition, section 5.1 of the grant opportunity guidelines outline eligible grant activities.

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

E.4. Project duration

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

E.5. Project milestones

Provide details on the project milestones including the key activities occurring at each milestone. You can add up to 10 milestones.

The milestone start and end dates must be between the project start and end dates.

Milestone title

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

Description

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

- Estimated start date
- Estimated end date

E.6. Project location

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

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

- Project site address
- Estimated percentage of project value expected to be undertaken at site.

E.7. Disclosure of financial penalties

Have any of your board members, management or persons of authority been subject to any pecuniary penalty, whether civil, criminal or administrative, imposed by a Commonwealth, state, or territory court or a Commonwealth, state, or territory entity?

If yes, provide details of the penalty.

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

E.8. Foreign affiliations

Does your project receive any funding or non-financial support from a foreign source?

If yes, provide details of the foreign financial support.

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

Do any entities or key personnel involved with the project receive financial support or benefits from a foreign source?

If yes, provide details of the arrangement.

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

Do any entities or key personnel involved with the project have any current or former association with a foreign talent program?

If yes, provide details of the foreign talent program.

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

Do any entities or key personnel involved with the project have any ties to a foreign government, military or state-owned enterprise?

If yes, provide details of the affiliations or associations.

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

E.9. National security plan

Does your organisation have a plan or framework in place to manage any potential security risks associated with the project and your organisation more broadly?

This includes protecting your organisation from potential national security risks including cyber security threats and the secure handling of data. We may ask for a copy of your plan or framework at a later stage.

F. Project budget

F.1. Project budget summary

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 guidelines for guidance on eligible expenditure.

You must attach a detailed project budget later in the application form. Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for the requirements of the budget.

Your project budget calculation should not include in-kind contributions, nor should your project budget include ineligible costs.

The cost of an independent audit of project expenditure (where we request one) is limited up to a maximum of 1 per cent of total eligible project expenditure.

The maximum salary for an employee, director or shareholder, including packaged components that you can claim through the grant is \$175,000 per financial year.

Costs for technical but not administrative, project management activities is considered eligible labour expenditure. However, this is limited to 10 per cent of total eligible labour expenditure.

The grant amount will be up to 75 per cent of eligible project expenditure.

Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Cost
Project expenditure			\$
	Labour		\$
		2023/24	\$
		2024/25	\$
		2025/26	\$
		2026/27	\$
	Labour on-costs and administrative overheads		
		2023/24	\$
		2024/25	\$
		2025/26	\$
		2026/27	\$
	Contract		\$
		2023/24	\$

Type of expenditure	Head of expenditure	Financial Year	Cost
		2024/25	\$
		2025/26	\$
		2026/27	\$
	Travel and overseas		\$
		2023/24	\$
		2024/25	\$
		2025/26	\$
		2026/27	\$
	Other eligible expenditure		\$
		2023/24	\$
		2024/25	\$
		2025/26	\$
		2026/27	\$
	Independent Audit expenditure		\$
		2026/27	
Total			

Provide details of 'Other eligible expenditure'.

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

F.2. 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 cash contribution
- other cash contributions as allowed in the grant opportunity guidelines

F.3. Grant amount sought

You must enter the amount of grant funding you are requesting. We will add GST to this where applicable.

The maximum grant amount under this grant opportunity is \$18.5 million.

The grant amount will be up to 75 per cent of eligible project expenditure.

Contributions to your project must be cash contributions and forms a minimum 25 per cent of total eligible project expenditure.

F.4. Contributions

You will need to provide the following information for all other sources of funding. In-kind contributions should be listed when asked but do not count towards your eligible co-contributions.

- Name of contributor
- Type of contributor

Contributors are divided into the following types

- Your contribution
- Other non-Commonwealth government grants
- Other non-government contribution
- Value of contribution
- Date due of contribution
- Description

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

Are you receiving any other in-kind contributions in relation to this project?

If you or your consortium partners will contribute in-kind contributions provide details about what these are.



G. 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.

G.1. Assessment criterion 1 (40 points)

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

Project alignment with program objectives and outcomes.

Applicants must demonstrate how they intend to achieve the objectives and outcomes of the program listed above at section 2 of the grant opportunity guidelines. You must provide detail of how your Centre will:

- a. support the development and commercialisation of quantum technologies in Australia and directly contribute to the growth of the Australian quantum industry
- b. facilitate strategic, genuine and lasting partnerships between the quantum industry, research institutions and governments, both nationally and internationally
- c. educate industry and broader society on the benefits and potential use cases of quantum technologies
- d. ensure that ethics and security are a foundation of the Australian quantum ecosystem.

G.2. Assessment criterion 2 (30 points)

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

Capacity, capability, and resources to carry out the project.

Applicants must provide an overview of your consortium (and where applicable, each organisation in your proposed group), demonstrating:

- a. the consortium's ability to and/or experience in supporting industry to develop, commercialise and advance to market, including your ability to analyse and address industry needs and gaps and overcome barriers to accessing new markets across Australia and overseas
- the consortium's prior experience in developing strategic connections across wide groups of stakeholders, and your ability to ensure continued collaboration across industry participants to meet common goals
- c. the consortium's access to personnel with the appropriate skill sets and experience required for the successful delivery of the Centre, including management and technical staff. You should also provide details of your ability to dedicate resources to the Centre, and how any part time or volunteer staff will split their time with competing priorities

- a clear record of delivering on objectives and performance measures in complex environments, and the ability to develop performance frameworks which deliver impactful outcomes
- e. the readiness of the consortium to commence delivery in line with the timeline at 7.3 of the grant opportunity guidelines.

Consortia partners with existing technical experience in the quantum space and access to relevant quantum infrastructure and technology will also be viewed positively.

G.3. Assessment criterion 3 (20 points)

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

How will your proposed Centre support the vision for Australia's quantum future outlined in the National Quantum Strategy?

Applicants must demonstrate how the Centre will:

- a. support the five central themes of the National Quantum Strategy
- b. have positive impacts on gender equality, and the participation of First Nations Australians in the industry
- c. maintain an Australia-wide reach for Centre activities
- d. remain engaged with Government and the Department throughout the lifecycle of the grant opportunity to ensure alignment with national quantum priorities and provide oversight of Centre alignment with key milestones set out in the work plan (to be prepared by successful applicant as part of the first milestone).

G.4. Assessment criterion 4 (10 points)

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

How will your project provide value with money?

You must demonstrate that your project will provide value for money with government resources. To support your response you will need to provide the following documents:

- a. a detailed project plan Your plan should include the scope of the project, a timeline of activities, and a list of all key management and technical staff. You should include their relevant experience and details of the consortia partners you have or are intending to work with and contractors you intend to engage as a part of the project, together with details of previous successful collaborations between consortia partners, or elaboration of processes and agreements in place to ensure that collaboration will be genuine and successful. Your project plan should be a maximum of 30 pages. It should also include:
 - a governance plan including the governance model and arrangements for managing your project and relationships within the consortium and why the chosen model and arrangements are the most appropriate for your project.
 - a business plan including details of fees, products, services, marketing and industry engagement strategies, and arrangements for managing assets and intellectual property (this should include how these will be managed within your consortia).

- a risk management plan and any supporting documentation, describing how you propose to monitor, manage and report identified risks. The risk management plan should give specific consideration to risks associated with cyber security attacks and national security as outlined in section 13.6 of the grant opportunity guidelines. You should detail how you intend to address risks relating to foreign interference and unwanted transfer of technology, data or other knowledge, including your intended process to conduct due diligence on potential consortia partners.
- a data collection plan and any supporting documentation, describing how you
 propose to collect data and manage privacy.
- b. a project budget split over financial years (template provided on <u>business.gov.au</u> and <u>GrantConnect</u>). Your budget should include a breakdown of the costs that sit under each head of expenditure and detail how these costs have been determined (e.g. quotes, etc.). If relevant your budget should account for both cash and in-kind contributions and identify sources of funding (grantee contribution, consortia partner contribution, Commonwealth funding, etc.).

H. Project partners

This is a joint (consortia) application and you must provide details regarding each of your project consortia partner(s).

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

You must have in your consortia partner arrangement, at least one Australian industry-based partner working in the quantum sector.

A letter of support template is available at business.gov.au

You must provide

- Australian Business Number (ABN) (if applicable)
- Other registration number where applicable
- Business address
- Postal address
- Contact details
- Project partner letter of support attached. Letter to include details of partner contributions.

Getting help

If you require further assistance completing this form, <u>contact us</u> by email or web chat or on 13 28 46.

I. Bank account details

I.1. 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.

We can only pay grant funding to the applicant organisation, who if successful will be party to a grant agreement with the Commonwealth. You must provide bank account details for this organisation.

I.2. Account details

Account name

BSB

Account number

I.3. Payment contact

Given name

Family name

Email address

Phone number

J. Application finalisation

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

J.1. Conflict of interest

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

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

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

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

If yes, describe how you anticipate managing this conflict.

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

J.2. Additional information

You must attach the following supporting documentation. You should only attach documents we have requested

The total of all attachments cannot exceed 20 MB.

Individual files must be smaller than 2.0mb, and be one of the following types:doc, docx, rtf, pdf, xls, xlsx, csv, jpg, jpeg, png, gif.

Filenames should only include letters or numbers and should be fewer than 40 characters.

- Document 1
- <u>a project plan</u> and associated documents as details at Assessment Criteria 4 (section 6.4 of the grant opportunity guidelines)
- Document 2
- <u>a project budget</u> as detailed at section 6.4 of the grant opportunity guidelines (Assessment Criteria 4)
- Document 3
- <u>CV</u> include a Curriculum Vitae (CV) for each of the key personnel in the lead organisation and each consortia organisation (max. 4 pages)
- Document 4
- <u>accountant declaration</u> verifying the financial sustainability of your business (independent of the grant funding), and confirming your share of the project costs can be met (template provided on <u>business.gov.au</u> and <u>GrantConnect</u>).
- Document 5
- trust deed (where applicable)

J.3. Program feedback

How did you hear about the grant opportunity? *

You must select from a drop-down menu.

Did you read the grant opportunity guidelines? *

You must select from a drop-down menu.

We welcome any additional feedback on the guidelines.

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

How satisfied were you with the process of applying for a grant? *

You must select from a drop-down menu.

We welcome any additional feedback on the application process.

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



K. Primary contact

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

The primary contact is the person authorised to act on behalf of the applicant and we send all email correspondence to this person. If you are not the primary contact, we will send an email to this person to invite them to register as a participant in the application. It is important that they register, or our emails will not be received. We recommend you let them know this.

If these details change, inform us as soon as possible so emails can be redirected.

If this application is successful, the primary contact will also need to nominate an authorised signatory to accept an agreement with the Commonwealth. The primary contact will not be able to accept an agreement unless they invite themselves to be the authorised signatory as well.

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



L. Application declaration

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

L.1. Privacy and confidentiality provisions

I acknowledge that this is an Australian Government program and that the Department of Industry, Science 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:

- 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.

L.2. Applicant declaration

I declare that I have read and understood the grant opportunity guidelines, including the grant agreement, 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 applicant and any project partners are not listed on the <u>National Redress Scheme</u> list of institutions, where sexual abuse has occurred, that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme.

I declare that the applicant is not named by the <u>Workplace Gender Equality Agency</u> as an organisation that has not complied with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012*.

I confirm that the applicant, project partners and associated activities are in compliance with current <u>Australian Government sanctions</u>.

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

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

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

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

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

I declare that I am authorised to submit this form on behalf of the applicant and acknowledge that this is the equivalent of signing this application.