Guideline for Applicants

Collaborative Exploration Initiative (CEI)

Round 8

November 2023

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| 2.0 | 02/11/2022 | CEI Round 7 has had the following significant changes: maximum award is capped at \$275,000, geographical restrictions have been removed, public liability insurance has increased to \$20 million, multiple proposals will be weighted and the list of critical minerals has been updated. |
| 3.0 | 01/10/2023 | CEI Round 8 has had the following significant changes: maximum award is capped at \$300,000. Updated assessment scorecard criteria, adjustment of minimum eligibility criteria, removal of multiple application scoring, changes to critical mineral list and changes to land access requirements. |

Approval

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Summary

The Guideline for Applicants provides information for those considering applying for Queensland's Collaborative Exploration Initiative (CEI) Round 8. Proposals must be submitted using the online webform before 23:59 QLD 11 January 2024.

CEI is designed to directly support exploration activities aimed at the discovery of critical minerals in Queensland. Round 8 provides up to \$300,000 (excluding GST) in funding to help reshape commodity demand as the world seeks to address and limit the impacts of climate change.

Important dates

| November 2023 | Open applications |
|-------------------|---|
| 11 January 2024 | Deadline for application submission via webform (23:59 QLD) |
| 1 April 2024 | Funding deeds executed between applicant and department |
| 1 September 2024 | Finalise access to project site |
| 16 September 2024 | Start activity |
| 18 November 2024 | Complete activity |
| 2 December 2024 | Submit final report, costing report and data |
| 16 June 2025 | Release onto Geoscience Open Data Portal |
| 30 January 2026 | Submit drill core and rock chips to the department |

The Collaborative Exploration Initiative

The Collaborative Exploration Initiative (CEI) and its predecessor, the Collaborative Drilling Initiative (CDI) have provided support to innovative exploration programs in Queensland for over 17 years. CEI is an integral part of the <u>Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan (QRIDP)</u> which is a wholeof-government strategy that sets out a vision for a resilient, responsible, and sustainable Queensland resources industry that grows as it transforms. CEI, administered by Geological Survey of Queensland (GSQ) within the Department of Resources (department) through the QRIDP, is providing funding for Round 8 up to \$300,000 per program. All amounts referred to in this Guideline (unless specified) are GST *exclusive*. GST will be applied on top of the agreed funding amount when payment is made.

CEI supports mineral exploration programs that are technically sound, innovative, address vital knowledge gaps, and contribute to the discovery of critical minerals in Queensland, through both the exploration program itself and the public data generated as a resource for other explorers.

Changes from previous rounds

Changes to the initiative have been made from previous rounds. Specifically:

- The maximum award is now capped at \$300,000 per program. There is still no requirement for co-funding, however, only eligible direct activity costs will be reimbursed.
- The list of critical minerals has been updated.
- Multiple application scoring has been removed and no longer forms part of the assessment, provided applications are for different activities and/ or different programs.
- The assessment scorecard has also been updated to reflect minor changes to the eligibility criteria. For example, Conduct and Compensation Agreement (CCA) now needs to be finalized in place no later than 1 September 2024.
- Two templates are available for download and have been updated.

Critical minerals

Critical minerals play a vital role in our energy transition and are given priority under the QRIDP. As a result, the CEI assessment criteria gives weight to proposals exploring for minerals listed in Table 1. Exploration for coal, gas or petroleum are not eligible under CEI.

| Antimony | Sb |
|-----------|----|
| Beryllium | Ве |
| Bismuth | Bi |
| Cobalt | Со |
| Copper | Cu |
| Gallium | Ga |
| Germanium | Ge |
| Graphite | С |

Table 1. List of critical minerals used as a guide and based on Schedule 4A Mineral Resources Regulation 2013.

| Hafnium | Hf |
|---------------------------|------|
| Indium | In |
| Iridium | Ir |
| Lithium | Li |
| Magnesium | Mg |
| Nickel | Ni |
| Niobium | Nb |
| Osmium | Os |
| Palladium | Pd |
| Platinum | Pt |
| Rhenium | Re |
| Rhodium | Rh |
| Ruthenium | Ru |
| Selenium | Se |
| Silica (high purity) | Si |
| Tantalum | Та |
| Tin | Sn |
| Titanium | Ti |
| Tungsten | W |
| Vanadium | V |
| Zinc | Zn |
| Zirconium | Zr |
| Light Rare Earth Elements | LREE |
| Heavy Rare Earth Elements | HREE |

Eligibility criteria

The following eligibility criteria **must** be met to be eligible to apply for a CEI:

1. The Applicant must be the Holder or Operator of a granted Exploration Permit for Minerals (EPM) in the State of Queensland.

CEI is not open to non-mineral permits such as coal, gas or petroleum (EPC or ATP).

Collaboration between Applicants to pursue larger programs is strongly encouraged, and in these cases, the Applicant must be the Holder or Operator of at least one of these EPMs within the group.

- 2. The Applicant must have sufficient funds and technical capacity to carry the program through to completion, prior to reimbursement of CEI payment.
- 3. Access agreements with landholders (relevant to the proposed activity) must be initiated prior to application and must be in accordance with the <u>2023 Land Access Code</u>. In the case of advanced activities (drilling), site access must be finalised no later than 1 September 2024. Explorers without land access in place should consider applying for a CEI round after land access has been secured. Applications for projects where land access has not been secured or finalised will be looked on less favourably due to the increased risk of forfeiting of the proposed work program.
- 4. The relevant Environmental Authority (EA) must be in place for all program EPMs at the time of application. Any additional environmental approvals or amendments for the proposed activity must also be completed at the time of application.
- 5. Where required, Native Title agreements must be in place to be eligible for CEI.
- Progress or completion of cultural heritage clearances must be demonstrated in the CEI application with a clear path to have heritage clearances completed early within the program timeframe (high impact activities).

- 7. Confirmation from contractors (e.g. drillers, geophysical surveys or geochemical laboratories) of their availability within the given timeframe to undertake the proposed work.
- 8. All tenure held by the Applicant including all associated Entities must be in compliance with legislation including, but not limited to, the *Mineral Resources Act 1989, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003, Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and *Native Title Act 1993*.
- 9. All tenure held by the Applicant, including all associated Entities, must be in good standing with the Queensland Government, meaning rent paid, activity and expenditure commitments consistently met for the Conditioned Periods, and reporting requirements fulfilled. All Applicants are vetted by the Tenure Compliance Team prior to their proposal being assessed.
- 10. The Applicant must have an Australian Business or Company Number (ABN / ACN), an Australian bank account, and be registered for GST.
- 11. Public Liability Insurance must be held for a minimum of \$20 million dollars for the duration of the program, with evidence (insurance certificate) of current status, period insured and, if the insurance expires during the program, evidence of renewal sent to GSQ before the expiry date. This level of insurance must be held by the Applicant, and all Entities undertaking the activity (such as tenement operator, geophysical contractors and drilling companies). The insurance must be in the <u>Applicant's name</u>.
- 12. Applicants (Entities and their Directors) must pass a Financial Probity check.
- 13. All applications must be submitted using the online webform before 23:59 QLD time, 11 January 2024.

Application submission requirements

All applications must adhere to the requirements outlined in the Guideline for Applicants Round 8. Please ensure you have all items ready to attach with your application before you start the process, as the online submission webform cannot be saved and returned to later.

Technical proposal

It is recommended you use the <u>CEI Round 8 technical proposal template</u>. Refer to Table 2. for details on proposal scoring.

The technical proposal should:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the geology and geological setting including a location map.
- Describe previous exploration and target style.
- Comment on how the program will address regional knowledge gaps.
- Detail your proposed exploration technique and any new or novel techniques/approaches and expected outcomes including how these fit with longer term project development goals.
- Describe the analytical methods being proposed or survey specifications including figures and diagrams.
- Link and justify how your exploration activity will test your geological conceptual model and potentially increase exploration activity in Queensland.

Proposed budget

It is recommended that the <u>CEI Round 8 proposed budget template</u> be used as the starting point. Refer to Appendix A and B for further details on eligible and ineligible expenses.

Attachments

In addition to the technical proposal and proposed budget, refer to Appendix C for a list of additional documents that must be submitted as part of your application.

Proposal assessment

All applications that have met eligibility requirements will have their proposals evaluated by the Technical Assessment Panel. Where there is a potential, actual or perceived conflict of interest between a panel member and an applicant (company, associate or program managers), panel members are excluded from decision making on that specific application, and where necessary, an alternative assessor is used.

| Assessment criteria | Weighting |
|---|-----------|
| Technical proposal | |
| Demonstrated understanding of known geology, (relevant) previous exploration and target style | 20% |
| Selection of appropriate exploration technique and critical minerals for target style or objectives | 10% |
| Accurately costed budget and realistic timeframe | 10% |
| Clear, fully labelled and relevant figures supporting the proposal | 10% |
| Program potential | |
| Extent to which the program applies traditional exploration techniques or adopts new and innovative methods and models to aid in discovery. The score is based on the applicants innovation and application of technique. | 20% |
| Extent to which the program addresses an important geoscientific knowledge gap and contributes to the body of public geoscientific knowledge and data in Queensland <i>(knowledge gaps).</i> | 20% |
| Potential of the program to generate new targets beyond the explorer's own tenements and attract further exploration investment <i>(advancing Queensland's resources)</i> . | 10% |

Table 2. Applications are assessed according to these specific criteria.

Single activity rule

Proposals should not combine two or more unrelated activities, or activities where the latter depends on results from the earlier. The proposal submitted by the Applicant becomes the program that must be delivered in whole, therefore proposals where the second activity hinges on results from the first will not be considered. One example of this is a ground geophysical survey followed by drilling if the survey has a positive result. In this case, only the first activity will be considered and scored by the Technical Assessment Panel.

Similarly, a cluster of activities that are seemingly unrelated, such as an airborne geophysical survey, a soils program on a different tenement and drilling of an unrelated target is an example where only one activity would be considered by the panel.

By contrast, an example of *related* activities where both would be considered is drilling, followed by a downhole EM survey to image any off-hole conductors, or establish the geometry of successful intercepts. This is acceptable as the downhole EM survey will go ahead regardless of the drilling outcome, and the activities centre on a single, coherent target.

Exploration and resource definition

CEI operates in the spirit of Greenfields discovery and proof of concept. Proposals for the following types of activities will not be assessed:

- Drilling that infills existing resources without testing a new target or idea (ie. simply infilling an inferred/ indicated body).
- Drilling that represents a simple step-out or extension of known mineral occurrences.
- Pattern drilling at resource definition, rather than proof of concept spacing.

General conditions

Please note GSQ reserves the right to:

- Amend the initiative at any time prior to the closing date provided that prospective Applicants are notified.
- Extend the proposal submission closing date.
- Clarify any aspect of a proposal after the specified closing date.
- Seek the advice of external consultants to assist in evaluation or review of applications.
- Extend the assessment period of the round.
- End the initiative at any time without liability, whether before or after the receipt of applications.
- Refuse to accept any application without obligation to provide reasons for the decision.
- Fund only part of a proposal. If partial funding is recommended by the Technical Assessment Panel, GSQ will advise the Applicant confidentially. The Applicant must resubmit the varied proposal to suit the partial funding.

Acceptance requirements

All Applicants will be officially notified of the result of their application in March 2024. Notification will be provided to the primary contact for each application via email. GSQ will maintain regular contact with CEI recipients throughout their program to track progress.

CEI recipients may be required to present their program's findings during a GSQ sponsored seminar or on departmental social media and on the Geoscience Open Data Portal at the conclusion of the confidentiality period.

CEI recipients who do not complete their agreed work program or fail to meet key milestones may have the Funding Deed terminated and may be disqualified from applying for a CEI for the next two consecutive rounds.

Funding Deed and milestones

Funding Deeds will be offered to successful Applicants and should be electronically signed and returned to the department at the Applicant's earliest convenience. Reimbursable expenses for the program can only be accrued after the date that the Funding Deed has been executed by both parties.

The following conditions are outlined in the Funding Deed:

- The Applicant is responsible for management of the approved program, and all liabilities associated with the program remain with the Applicant.
- If the Applicant anticipates any risk of inability to complete the program within the stipulated timeframe, they must notify GSQ as soon as possible.
- The Applicant is responsible for delivering the program outlined in the Technical Proposal appended to the Funding Deed. Any variations to the approved program are subject to written approval from the department. Significant modifications require a Deed of Variation to be signed by the Applicant and the department. Variations must be pursued proactively and not retrospectively.
- All drill core and rock chips must be offered to the department upon completion of the program. If
 requested core and chips must be supplied to the department no later than 30th January 2026.
 Samples will be made available to the public, unless written approval to extend this deadline is
 given by GSQ. Applicants are responsible for transportation to either the Exploration Data Centre
 in Brisbane or John Campbell Miles Drill Core Facility in Mount Isa.

Refer to Table 3 for milestone deliverables. All CEI recipients must notify GSQ of the actual commencement and completion dates for program milestones:

- Notification of **commencement** must be within **two business days** of the actual commencement date, or no later than 16 September 2024.
- Notification of **completion** must be within **five business days** of the actual completion date, or no later than 18 November 2024.

Table 3. Required milestone deliverables.

| Milestone description | Due date |
|--|-------------------|
| CCAs must be fully executed no later than this date | 1 September 2024 |
| Activity commencement must have started no later than this date | 16 September 2024 |
| Activity completion must have finished no later than this date | 18 November 2024 |
| Submission cut-off date for final report, contractor reports, certificate reports and QA/QC lab reports, data in the prescribed format and/or templates and copies of paid tax invoices including costing report | 2 December 2024 |
| Submit drill core and/ or RC chips to the Department of Resources | 30 January 2026 |

Conduct throughout the program

All CEI recipients are expected to uphold the following standards throughout the program, as outlined in the QRIDP:

- Provide high-quality information to the government, enabling greater opportunities for collaboration, innovation and exploration through shared and open datasets.
- Maintaining social licence by demonstrating good Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance.
- Work to ensure that programs leave a positive legacy in the community.
- Uphold principles to recognise, protect and conserve the cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Provide opportunities to increase the participation of women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with a disability, and veterans in the workforce.
- Ensure full understanding of, and compliance with, all regulatory requirements.

Reimbursement

CEI is a reimbursement initiative, meaning Applicants must have sufficient funds up front to cover all costs of the program. Reimbursement only occurs after the final report, costing report and data has been approved. After approval is granted, CEI recipients will be asked to submit their tax invoice made out to the Department of Resources for reimbursement that will be paid within 40 business days. **Reimbursement payments will only occur on or after 1 July 2024.**

Public notifications and announcements

By entering into a Funding Deed, CEI recipients consent to having information (Applicant name, proposal title, commodity and a short program description) published on a number of different platforms. For example, but not limited to:

Media releases

A Queensland government media release regarding the outcome of CEI.

media releases

Business Queensland CEI web pages

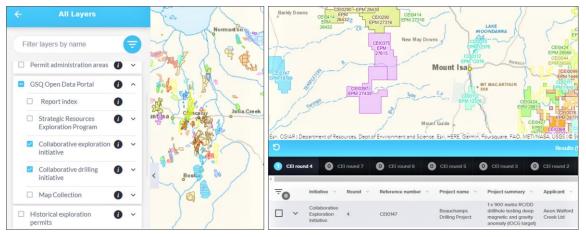
Queensland government webpages with interactive maps and links to a downloadable static map.

CEI map

GeoResGlobe

A layer within GeoResGlobe. After the confidentiality period has expired, links to the full data and reports on the Geoscience Open Data Portal will become active.

<u>GeoResGlobe</u>



Geoscience Open Data Portal

At the conclusion of the confidentiality period the final report and data will be released on the Geoscience Open Data Portal. GSQ will be responsible for loading the information into the portal.

Geoscience Open Data Portal

Completion requirements

Upon completion of the program, final reports, costing reports and data can be submitted via the online web portal. File sizes of up to 10 GB can now be securely received. Note that CEI recipients can submit the final report and data at any point throughout the year (on program completion), with reimbursement occurring on or after 1 July 2024.

Final report

It is strongly recommended that the initial <u>CEI Round 8 Technical proposal template</u> be used as the starting point for the final report. All reports (and datasets) from previous rounds can be found on the Geoscience Open Data Portal, as examples.

The final report should:

- clearly outline the analytical methods / survey specifications / iterations of modelling (etc) used
- contain all the results including an interpretation of what the data means, and if further work is to be done on the exploration target
- include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the model/ technique/ program (etc) with relevance to other Explorers

Costing report

It is strongly recommended that the initial <u>CEI Round 8 Proposed budget template</u> be used as the starting point for the costing report. Copies of all relevant, itemised, paid invoices for all claimable expenses must be supplied.

Data submission

The following templates must be used when submitting data. For all other data that falls outside these guidelines, please discuss with GSQ if required, and use the most user-friendly formats.

For drilling and other geochemical data, use the Minerals Data Submission Template.

For geophysical data, please follow the <u>Practice Direction for Submission of Geophysical Survey</u> <u>Data.</u>

Drill core submission

All drill core and rock chips funded by CEI must be offered to the department upon completion of the program. If requested, samples must be submitted no later than 30th January 2026. The following standards for core trays and pallets apply:

- Modern plastic, stackable trays with appropriate handles, grey or black preferred
- Trays marked up with:
 - \circ $\;$ Start and end depths, and directional arrow $\;$
 - Drill hole name
 - o Tray number in sequence
- Core blocks of wood or plastic (not metal) with legible depths
- Standard hardwood pallets of 1165mm x 1165mm x 150mm (Australian Standard AS 4068), securely strapped, stacked no more than 0.9 m high (~10 plastic trays high).

Further information on pallets and packaging can be found on the following <u>drill core packaging</u> <u>webpage</u>.

Common application shortcomings

An analysis of recent CEI rounds show the following factors are common to lower ranking proposals.

- Proposals for very standard exploration programs, that have minimal benefit to any party other than the Applicant, within their own tenure. The value of allocating public funding to private exploration programs lies in providing case studies and public data that has a wider benefit to the exploration community - thus proposals that fail to meet these objectives score poorly despite having strong technical merit.
- 2. Poor or incorrect processing of geophysical objects used to target drill holes.
- 3. Insufficient justification or groundwork for the sampling or assay technique proposed.
- 4. Insufficient use of previously collected data to guide the current proposal.
- 5. Insufficient information on location and rationale of proposed drill holes ie. the location of collars, and what each hole is specifically targeting, shown in section.
- 6. Applications for commodities not on the critical minerals list where the case for critical minerals as co or by-products is not strong.

Seeking feedback

Applicants, whether successful or unsuccessful, can request feedback from GSQ on the assessment of their proposal. The primary or secondary contact person for the application (provided to the department through the webform) should email <u>GSQ@Resources.qld.gov.au</u> to seek feedback. Please note that all decisions on the outcomes of Round 8 are not open to appeal.

If an Applicant has a compliment or complaint in relation to the application or assessment process, this can be made to the department through the below weblink. The process is completely confidential, and personal information collected as part of the process will not be released publicly.

Compliments and complaints | Department of Resources

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- communicating with the Applicant regarding this Round, future rounds and related events;
- providing information to the Technical Assessment Panel for the purpose of assessment; and
- disclosing of information to other agencies and departments, Department of Environment and Science and Department of Resources, within the Queensland Government for the purpose of investigating compliance.

The Applicant information provided will not otherwise be used or disclosed unless authorised or required by law. Further information is available at: <u>Privacy | Department of Resources</u>.

Enquiries

All enquiries should be directed to:

CEI Team Geological Survey of Queensland Email: <u>GSQ@Resources.qld.gov.au</u> Phone: 0436 949 911

Appendix A – Eligible (reimbursable) activities / expenses

1. Combined mobilisation and demobilisation

Reimbursements for combined mobilization and demobilization are capped at 5% of total eligible expenditure for each activity category within the program. For example, drilling (capped at 5% of total eligible costs for drilling) followed by downhole EM (also capped at 5% of total eligible costs for ground geophysics).

2. Standby on client

Standby on client (ie. where the client is charged) is capped at \$5,000 per activity category.

3. Laboratory costs

Laboratory costs include the preparation, digestion and analysis itself (for example, ME-MS61), analysis of QA/QC samples, standard administration fees, waste disposal levy, freight charges and other standard items on laboratory invoices.

4. Specialist services / consultants

The list of specialist services is not exhaustive and is based on general categories that have appeared in previous CEI rounds.

The definition of a specialist is essentially *a person highly skilled in a specific and restricted field.* It refers to a skill or method that cannot reasonably be performed by general staff or contractors, such as geochronology techniques or isotope analysis.

By contrast, core logging, soil sampling or interpreting the results of a standard geochemical dataset is not a specialist skill that CEI will reimburse.

Please contact GSQ to discuss potential expenses that are ambiguous: <u>GSQ@Resources.qld.gov.au</u>

| Activity category | Description |
|---------------------|--|
| Airborne Geophysics | Combined mobilisation and demobilisation (see capped values) |
| Airborne Geophysics | Standby on client (see capped values) |
| Airborne Geophysics | Data acquisition |
| Airborne Geophysics | Processing and reporting |
| Airborne Geophysics | Modelling and interpretation |
| Airborne Geophysics | Fuel, accommodation and messing (contractors only) |
| Ground Geophysics | Combined mobilisation and demobilisation (see capped values) |
| Ground Geophysics | Standby on client (see capped values) |
| Ground Geophysics | Line kilometres (Data acquisition) |
| Ground Geophysics | Stations (Data acquisition) |
| Ground Geophysics | Metres (DH) (Data acquisition) |
| Ground Geophysics | Processing and reporting |
| Ground Geophysics | Modelling and interpretation |
| Ground Geophysics | Fuel, accommodation and messing (contractors only) |
| Drilling | Mobilisation and demobilisation (see capped values) |
| Drilling | Standby on client (see capped values) |
| Drilling | Drilling (active and slow, all associated field costs) |
| Drilling | Drilling consumables (e.g. core trays, depth markers) |
| Drilling | Hire(s): Orientation tool/ DH camera/ gyro |
| Drilling | Accommodation and messing (contractors only) |
| Drilling | Fuel (drilling contractor only) |
| Post-drilling | Specialist core scanning (ie. Corescan, Minalyzer) - metres |
| Geochemical surveys | Consumables (per program units) |
| Assay | All laboratory costs (inc QAQC + associated charges)/ sample |
| Specialist Services | Thin section preparation: (ie, per slide) |
| Specialist Services | Petrographic analysis |
| Specialist Services | Mineral separation costs |
| Specialist Services | Advanced analytical techniques (XRD, EPMA, TIMA etc.) |
| Specialist Services | Geochronology: per contract unit |
| Specialist Services | Supercomputer time blocks |
| Specialist Services | Other (pre-approved through proposal) |

Table A.1 - Eligible (reimbursable) activity / expense categories

Appendix B – Ineligible (non-reimbursable) activities / expenses

| Non-eligible item | Guide |
|--|--|
| Application preparation | No expenses from third party consultants in preparation of the CEI application, or any technical reports used to support the application are claimable. |
| Contractor wages | Wages of general labour-hire contractors (ie. field assistants and geologists) may not be claimed. |
| Cultural heritage clearances | The cost of cultural clearances required for high impact work is not claimable. |
| Environmental clearances | Expenses incurred through additional environmental clearances needed for drilling in specific areas (ie. Endangered Regional Ecosystems) are not claimable. |
| Food and accommodation | Accommodation and messing costs incurred by general purpose staff or contractors*are not claimable. * <i>except for specialist contractors listed above e.g. Airborne geophysics</i> |
| Land access agreements and compensation | Costs associated with Conduct and Compensation Agreements (CCA), and other land access costs are not claimable. |
| Legal advice | Legal advice is not claimable (for example, advice sought over land access disputes). |
| Licencing expenses | Acquiring licences to operate equipment such as a portable XRF is not a claimable expense. |
| Non-specific consumables | General consumables such as marker pens, diamond saw blades (etc) used in the normal running of a core shed rather than for the specific purpose of the CEI may not be claimed. |
| Personnel transport | Costs incurred transporting general purpose staff or contractors to and from site are not claimable. Specialist contractor mobilisation and demobilisation is covered in Appendix A above. |
| Specialist equipment hire or purchase | Invoices for hiring (or buying) specialist equipment such as portable XRF, hyperspectral devices and drone accessories are not eligible for reimbursement. *Unless equipment is hired from an established equipment supply company and the device is integral to the proposed work program. |
| Standard corporate overheads and expenses | Costs associated with the internal workings of the business, such as hiring costs, employee salaries and entitlements, core shed rent (etc) are not claimable. |
| Track and drill pad preparation | Expenses incurred from the establishment of, or maintaining tracks to sites and drill pads, including rehabilitation may not be claimed. |
| Training courses | Training is not a claimable expense, nor is on-job training and supervision. |
| Vehicle expenses | Expenses related to vehicle hire, maintenance and fuel for general field activities are not claimable. |

 Table B.1 - Guidance on ineligible (non-reimbursable) activities / expenses

Appendix C – Attachment checklist

The following documents should be prepared and ready to attach before you start your online webform submission:

- Technical Proposal
- Proposed Budget
- Director's Assurance letter or similar evidentiary material confirming the Applicants has sufficient funds and technical capacity to carry the program through to completion.
- Evidence that relevant land access is in place for on-ground activities. This may be evidenced by the most recent Notice of Entry, or for advanced activities, the signatory page of the CCA in draft, or fully executed. Evidence that access for the proposed activities has been initiated with all landholders is required at the time of submission with points allocated for this preparation in the assessment criteria.
- Evidence that Native Title agreements are in place, with provision for cultural clearances for high impact activities (where relevant). This can be evidenced by the most recent notice for low or high impact activities over the program area.
- □ Contractor letters guaranteeing availability within the given timeframe to undertake the proposed work must be provided.
- Evidence of public liability insurance for a minimum of \$20 million in the name of the <u>Applicant</u>.

The remainder of the requirements are checked automatically through the online webform, and by the department's tenure compliance team prior to assessment of the proposal.

Please email GSQ if the automated webform excludes an Applicant based on GST, trading name (etc) and you believe this to be in error: <u>GSQ@Resources.qld.gov.au</u>