

# **Guideline for grant proposals**

## **Collaboration Exploration Initiative – Round 6**

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# Grants to assist testing of new exploration concepts in Queensland for New Economy minerals

## Am I eligible to apply?

1. Do I have granted exploration tenure within the defined zone for funding (Figure 1)?
2. Do I have an idea that will advance our collective understanding of Queensland's 'New Economy Mineral' potential?
3. What tools will help me test my idea?
4. Have I demonstrated a clear link between my exploration target and the tools chosen to test it?
5. Have I highlighted how this activity will add exploration value to Queensland?
6. Have I included all information as specified in the guidelines and proposal template (Appendix 1)?

## CEI Scope and Timeframes

What's in scope and what are the timeframes?

- Round 6 supports exploration for ALL minerals (except Coal), but with particular emphasis on "New Economy Minerals".
- 'New Economy Minerals' for CEI Round 6 funding are defined as:
  - Priority 1: Cadmium, Cobalt, Copper, Gallium, Germanium, Graphite, Indium, Lithium, Magnesite, Molybdenum, Nickel, Niobium, Platinum group elements, Rare earth elements, Rhenium, Scandium, Silica, Silver, Tantalum, Tellurium, Tungsten, Tin, Titanium, Vanadium, Zinc and Zirconium
  - Priority 2: Gold
- Projects that primarily target gold are not considered high priority for the grant scheme.
- Round 6 supports existing explorers across the State of Queensland with an emphasis on the North West and North East Mineral provinces
- All proposals must be submitted **via the online webform**, preferably in PDF format with a combined file size less than 8MB.
- Proposals must be lodged before **23:59 (AEST) Monday 13 December 2021**
- Up to \$200,000 is available through direct grant.
- The CEI supports drilling and non-drilling activities including geophysics, geochemistry, other surveys re-analysis of historical samples, and machine learning trials.
- An expected activity commencement date must be provided in the application.
- Contracts are to be signed within 2 weeks from the Department of Resources' send date, and the Departmental copy returned electronically at that time.
- All project activity work must be completed **by 30 November 2022**
- All required reporting and data submission must occur after **1 July 2022** and before 31 December 2022.
- Failure to complete reporting and invoicing prior to **31 December 2022** will disqualify the recipient company for 2 subsequent (and sequential) rounds of CEI.
- Successful applicants must notify the Department in writing of the actual commencement date two days prior to commencing the activity under the project and also advise of the completion date within 5 days of completion of the activity.
- A 6-month confidentiality period for data and reports applies until **30 June 2023**.
- Drill core obtained through CEI funded activities is to be submitted to the Department **no later than 31 December 2023**. Rock chips collected as part of CEI funded activities should also be offered to the Department by the **31 December 2023**.

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## 1.0 Introduction

To increase exploration investment in Queensland, the Collaborative Exploration Initiative (CEI) (also termed 'the Initiative') provides funding assistance to test high risk – 'frontier' exploration or innovative exploration concepts aiming to develop a new understanding of the geology and prospectivity and expand exploration into under-explored areas.

Funding of \$10 million was allocated to the Initiative over 4 years under the governments 'New Economy Minerals' Initiative announced in June 2020. CEI is open to existing mineral explorers working throughout Queensland but with an emphasis on the North West and North East Mineral Provinces (Figure 1). Under the Initiative, drilling and non-drilling activities are funded by government. These activities will increase the knowledge and prospectivity of New Economy Minerals in Queensland, accelerate discoveries and potentially lead to the definition of a new generation of mineral resources.

This Initiative is designed to directly support companies in the development of high quality, innovative exploration targets into potential economic deposits of minerals essential for society's transition to the 'New Economy'.

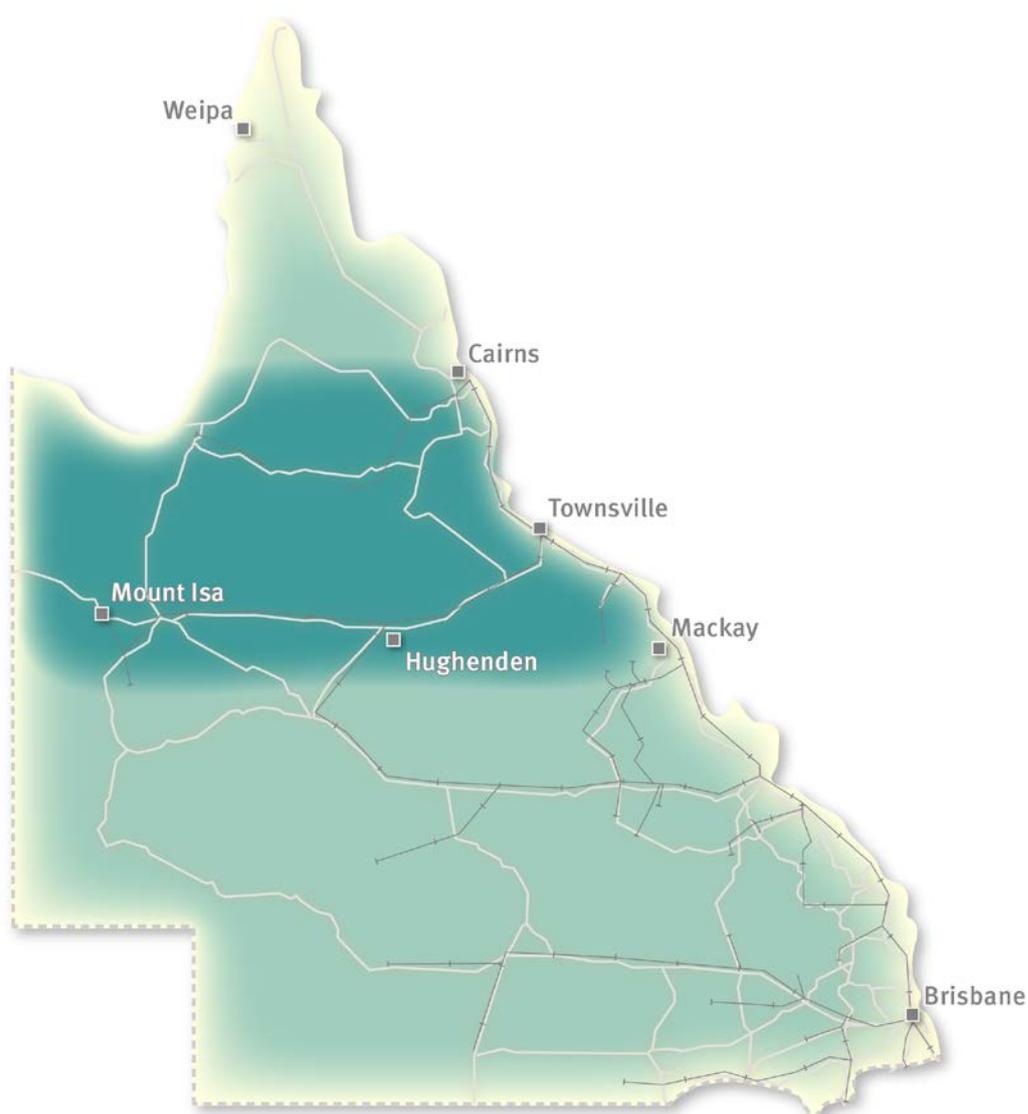


Figure 1. Location of eligible geographic area for funding under the New Economy Mineral Initiative, including the Collaborative Exploration Initiative. Note there is emphasis on the North West and North East Mineral Provinces (Dark Green).

## 2.0 Key elements

- 2.1 Projects must be completed by 30 November 2022. Project completion includes reporting and invoice submission to the Department.
- 2.2 Grants will be awarded with no requirement for co-funding by the applicant. Grants will be up to a maximum of \$200,000 for an approved project.
- 2.3 The eligible exploration costs that can be covered by the grant are defined in *Section 3.0*.
- 2.4 Applications will be accepted from throughout the State of Queensland, but with emphasis on the North West and North East Mineral Provinces (Figure 1).
- 2.5 The allocation of funds will be competitive, and proposals submitted should address the assessment criteria (refer *Section 6.0* and *Appendix 2a or Appendix 2b*).
- 2.6 Successful applicants will provide reports and data in digital form in compliance with [the Departments reporting and data standards](#), which will be made open file after a specified confidentiality period ending **30 June 2023**.
- 2.7 Failure to receive funding under the CEI is not an acceptable reason for any tenure holder not to complete the work program commitment under that tenure.
- 2.8 Project activities must be completed, the final report, contractor reports, certificate reports and QC/QA lab reports, data in the prescribed format and tax invoices must be submitted by **31 December 2022 but no earlier than 1 July 2022**.
- 2.9 All project activity (including assaying results returned from lab/s and their certificate reports) must be completed by **30 November 2022**. The activity commencement date is specified in a Funding Deed.
- 2.10 Failure to complete work under a CEI grant will result in disqualification of the company/applicant for the next 2 rounds of CEI.

## 3.0 Eligibility

- 3.1 A project proposal must be prepared and submitted in accordance with *Section 4.0* to be considered for CEI funding.
- 3.2 Proposals can only apply to **GRANTED** Queensland Minerals Exploration Permits, Mining Leases, or Mineral Development Licence. The Department will review the status of tenure during the assessment process.
- 3.3 Applications will be accepted throughout the State of Queensland, but with emphasis on the North West and North East Mineral Provinces (Figure 1).
- 3.4 The funding deed must be signed by companies and returned to the Department electronically within 2 weeks of the Department send date.
- 3.5 All companies must provide an Australian Business Number AND be registered for GST.
- 3.6 All companies must be compliant under all relevant or applicable legislation to be eligible for funding. The company must remain compliant during the term of the funding deed.
- 3.7 All tenures held by the company, and any related entities, must be in compliance with the statutory requirements of the applicable mining legislation including where required reporting, rent and fees
- 3.8 The company must provide details of an Australian-based bank account for payments.
- 3.9 The company must supply evidence of current Public liability insurance for the term of the project for at least \$10 million. Should public liability insurance lapse during the term of the round, it is the responsibility of the company to provide the Department with a copy of the renewed public liability insurance.

3.10 Projects **cannot be retrospective** and can only commence when the successful applicant and the Department have signed the Funding Deed (refer *Section 8.0* for timeline).

3.11 No legally binding contract is formed between the Department and the recipient unless and until a Funding Deed is signed by both parties.

3.12 **Drilling and non-drilling activities under a project cannot be combined in a single CEI submission.**

3.13 Only itemised costs for the activity, **exclusive of GST**, will be eligible for reimbursement under the CEI. No corporate or site overheads, staff costs or payroll are to be included in the estimated costs.

3.14 Estimated costs can be provided for the following eligible activities:

3.14.1 For drilling activities:

- 3.14.1.1 Drilling and Sampling
- 3.14.1.2 Mobilisation (capped at 5% of total grant)
- 3.14.1.3 Pad preparation and rehabilitation
- 3.14.1.4 Downtime (capped at \$5,000.00)
- 3.14.1.5 Downhole orientation survey
- 3.14.1.6 Wireline logging
- 3.14.1.7 Geochemistry
- 3.14.1.8 Core scanning (including spectral, XRF, petrophysical)

OR

3.14.2 For non-drilling activities:

- 3.14.2.1 Seismic surveys
  - 3.14.2.1.1 Mobilisation (capped at 5% of total grant),
  - 3.14.2.1.2 collection,
  - 3.14.2.1.3 processing,
  - 3.14.2.1.4 interpretation, and
  - 3.14.2.1.5 downtime (capped at \$5,000.00)
- 3.14.2.2 Airborne Geophysics
  - 3.14.2.2.1 Mobilisation (capped at 5% of total grant),
  - 3.14.2.2.2 collection,
  - 3.14.2.2.3 processing,
  - 3.14.2.2.4 interpretation, and
  - 3.14.2.2.5 downtime (capped at \$5,000.00)
- 3.14.2.3 Ground Geophysics
  - 3.14.2.3.1 Mobilisation (capped at 5% of total grant),
  - 3.14.2.3.2 collection,
  - 3.14.2.3.3 processing,
  - 3.14.2.3.4 interpretation, and

- 3.14.2.3.5 downtime (capped at \$5,000.00)
- 3.14.2.4 Geochemical sampling and associated laboratory assays and data interpretation for:
  - 3.14.2.4.1 New or historical surface rocks, soils and stream sediments, historical drill core,
  - 3.14.2.4.2 Vegetation (biogeochemistry),
  - 3.14.2.4.3 Groundwater (hydrogeochemistry)
- 3.14.2.5 Other analytical concepts or technologies applied to exploration will be considered. Examples include: non-standard geochemical and geophysical methods; isotope geochemistry; data analysis and modelling using methods of artificial intelligence and machine learning.
- 3.15 All reports and digital data collected as CEI activities are to be submitted to [GSQ@resources.qld.gov.au](mailto:GSQ@resources.qld.gov.au) for assessment. Please ensure you use your CEI number allocated, company name and project title in email correspondence.
- 3.16 All drill core to be submitted to the Mount Isa Core Library or Zillmere Exploration Data Centre (as instructed by the Department) **no later than 31 December 2023** at the company's expense.
- 3.17 All rock chip samples derived from project activities to be offered to Geological Survey of Queensland no later than **31 December 2023**.
- 3.18 Costs that are not directly related to or stated in *Section 3.13* will not be considered.
- 3.19 All proposals will be assessed on degree of risk and the innovation of the conceptual model or target, how your proposed activity will test it, contribution to our understanding of Queensland's New Economy mineral prospectivity, as well as the preparedness of the applicant to complete the proposed work program in the time available.
- 3.20 Ensure that only invoices directly related to CEI activities are submitted including those from contractors.
- 3.21 Unsuccessful or withdrawn proposals can be re-submitted in future rounds.

## 4.0 Proposals

- 4.1 Proposals must be lodged on or before **23:59 (AEST) Monday 13 December 2021** in the manner specified in Section 6.2.
- 4.2 Proposals must be submitted via the online Webform.
- 4.3 Proposal documents should be submitted in PDF format where possible
- 4.4 Proposals must follow the required template- *See Appendix 1*
- 4.5 All pages of proposals must be numbered.
- 4.6 Proposals must be structured as outlined in *Appendix 1* and include the information specified below (*Sections 4.6.1 or 4.6.2*):
  - 4.6.1 For the drilling activities:
    - 4.6.1.1 Site location.

- 4.6.1.2 A summary of regional geology and previous exploration in the project area.
- 4.6.1.3 Detail on the target including deposit model and supporting geoscientific information.
- 4.6.1.4 Geoscientific information must include a self-explanatory geological plan(s) and predictive cross-section(s) with proposed drill hole traces and relevant supporting geophysical, geochemical and geological data, including sufficient numerical information to assess the magnitude of geophysical and geochemical anomalies.
- 4.6.1.5 Details of drilling proposed including location, depth, dip, azimuth, method, number of holes.
- 4.6.1.6 Detail of proposed sampling, analysis, survey and down hole survey.
- 4.6.1.7 Rates on which the estimated direct drilling activity costs have been determined.
- 4.6.1.8 A letter of support from a drilling contractor indicating availability of a drill rig at the required time
- 4.6.1.9 Anticipated time frames for the activity (these will be strictly monitored).
- 4.6.1.10 Proposals should address the assessment criteria although it is not expected that all proposals will conform to every criterion (refer *Section 6.0*).
- 4.6.2 For non-drilling activities
  - 4.6.2.1 Site location.
  - 4.6.2.2 A summary of regional geology and previous exploration in the project area.
  - 4.6.2.3 The geological conceptual model upon which the non-drilling activity is based including supporting geoscientific information.
  - 4.6.2.4 Details of proposed non-drilling activity location and survey or analytical specifications. For geophysical surveys this includes but is not limited to: survey type, total number of sites/stations/line kilometres proposed; survey spacing/resolution. For geochemical surveys this includes but is not limited to sample type, sample spacing, geochemical method, etc. For re-analysis activities this includes but is not limited to sample type, sample spacing, geochemical methods etc. For machine learning or AI activities this includes but is not limited to the type of analysis, analytical methodology and limitations, dataset types and sources, the proposed final output or product.
  - 4.6.2.5 How the activity to be undertaken will de-risk future exploration (e.g. testing a new technique in an underexplored area) or how it will be linked to the companies understanding of the geology of the area and their model for mineralisation within that setting.
  - 4.6.2.6 How the survey or activity will contribute to knowledge and understanding of Queensland's New Economy mineral potential.

- 4.6.2.7 Rates on which the estimated direct non-drilling activity costs have been determined.
  - 4.6.2.8 A letter of support from any contractors to be used (e.g. geophysical contractor) indicating availability of the service at the required time
  - 4.6.2.9 Anticipated time frames for the activity (these will be strictly monitored).
  - 4.6.2.10 Proposals should address the assessment criteria although it is not expected that all proposals will conform to every criterion (refer *Section 6.0*).
- 4.7 Estimated direct activity costs can include costs associated with activities listed in *Section 3.13*
- 4.8 Costs that are not directly related to or stated in *Section 3.13* will not be considered and include administration, desktop or other associated geoscience or office costs, costs associated with preparing an activity, land access, cultural heritage, environmental, and other project management costs.
- 4.9 Contents of all proposals, successful or unsuccessful, will remain confidential unless the applicant consents to their release.
- 4.10 The Department reserves the right to:
- 4.10.1 Extend the proposal closing date;
  - 4.10.2 Amend *Section 4.0 - Proposals* at any time prior to the closing date provided that the amendment is notified to prospective applicants;
  - 4.10.3 Clarify any aspect of a proposal after the specified closing date under *Section 4.1*;
  - 4.10.4 Consider proposals that do not strictly comply with all of the requirements for submitting a proposal set out in the guidelines (sometimes referred to as 'non-compliant' proposals);
  - 4.10.5 Seek the advice of external consultants to assist in evaluation or review of proposals;
  - 4.10.6 Extend the assessment period of the round; and
  - 4.10.7 End the funding application process at any time without liability.
- 4.11 The Department is not obliged to accept any proposal.
- 4.12 The Department will notify applicants if it decides to no longer proceed with the CEI. The Department is not obliged to give any reasons for this decision.
- 4.13 The costs of preparing and submitting a proposal are the sole responsibility of the applicant.
- 4.14 It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the proposal has been received by the Department by the specified closing date under *Section 4.1*.
- 4.15 Upon contract signing the CEI Manager will correspond with successful applicants about the expectations and requirements of the Initiative.

## 5.0 Proposal assessment

- 5.1 All proposals will be assessed by the Department. The process will be competitive with assessment criteria (refer *Section 6.0*), used to evaluate and rank proposals.
- 5.2 An independent panel will review all proposals and their ranking and provide recommendations on the proposals to be supported. The Department will determine which proposals will be supported.
- 5.3 If clarification of a proposal is deemed necessary by the Department or the independent panel, a representative of the company may be invited to provide a short presentation.
- 5.4 The Department reserves the right to fund only part of a proposal.
- 5.5 If partial funding is allocated by the panel, the Department will advise the company confidentially. The company will resubmit the varied proposal to suit the partial funding.
- 5.6 On completion of the approval process, applicants will be notified of their success or failure to win funding. **There will be no right of appeal.** However, unsuccessful applicants can seek feedback from the Department on their proposals.
- 5.7 Successful applicants may be requested to meet with the CEI team to discuss the expectations and requirements of the Initiative.

## 6.0 Assessment criteria

The goal of the assessment criteria is to support proposals that will test innovative exploration concepts that have a high potential to develop a new understanding of the geology and 'New Economy Mineral' prospectivity across Queensland<sup>1</sup>, and increase exploration investment in Queensland, including expanding exploration into under-explored areas.

The assessment criteria are:

- 6.1 Proposals must conform to the stated Conditions for Proposals (*Section 4.0*).
- 6.2 Proposals should demonstrate economic and technical merit, and demonstrate concepts that are innovative and address significant knowledge gaps and/or critical uncertainties in key areas, especially that of New Economy Mineral prospectivity. Please refer to the assessment sheets in *Appendices 2a* and *2b* for the detailed criteria to be addressed.
- 6.3 Proposals which have the potential to increase exploration activity in under-explored areas or increase exploration investment in Queensland are encouraged.
- 6.4 For appropriateness of drilling method and sample quality.
- 6.5 For geophysical surveys, the proposals will be assessed based on how the survey to be undertaken has been linked to the company's understanding of the geology of the area and their model for mineralisation within that setting. Innovation such as using an existing technique in a new way will also raise the ranking of the proposal.
- 6.6 For geochemical surveys, the proposals will be assessed on aspects such as location (areas with little or no previous exploration) or innovation.
- 6.7 For re-sampling/analysis projects, proposals will be assessed on their potential to add significant new understanding to Queensland's 'New Economy Mineral' prospectivity in areas of known or existing 'traditional' mineralisation.

- 6.8 For other activities under *Section 3.13.2.5*, methods and specifications will be assessed with major consideration given to the appropriateness of technique and advancement of Queensland's 'New Economy Mineral' prospectivity.
- 6.9 Timing of activities in the proposal must be realistic to ensure completion of the activity and delivery of the final report in accordance with funding deed requirements. Documents supporting the ability of the company to complete the work on time must be included in the application (for example, land access agreements, cultural heritage clearances and where appropriate, indication from drilling or geophysical contractors that the work can be completed within the specified timeframe).
- 6.10 Ability to complete the project within prescribed timelines will be a major assessment criteria.
- 6.11 Expected outcomes in relation to long term project development goals

Proposals will be ranked using the score sheets in *Appendices 2a* (drilling) and *2b* (non-drilling).

## 7.0 Operation

- 7.1 All CEI funded projects will be the subject of legal agreement (Funding Deed – Collaborative Exploration Initiative) prepared by the Department.
- 7.2 Management of CEI approved and funded projects will be undertaken by the company or its nominee subject to the approval of the Department in accordance with the Funding Deed.
- 7.3 All liabilities associated with the project will remain with the company or its nominee.
- 7.4 Modifications of the approved project may be carried out on approval from the Department, however the project or concept described in the proposal must remain the target of the activity.
- 7.5 Significant modifications to the approved project may require submission of a Deed of Variation from the company to the Department. Agreement for the Deed must be sought from the Department proactively, not retrospectively.
- 7.6 All CEI project activities must be completed, and final report, data and tax invoices submitted by **31 December 2022** as set out in the Funding Deed with the State of Queensland acting through the Department of Resources. These include submission of the final report, digital data and other information required for payment.
- 7.7 If the company anticipates any risk of inability to complete activities in the stipulated time frame, they should **communicate with the Department as soon as possible**.
- 7.8 Regular checks of all activities will be undertaken by the Department.
- 7.9 For drilling activity, there is no limit to the number of proposals submitted by any one company. However, each proposal must describe a separate target or concept.
- 7.10 For non-drilling activities, there is no limit to the number of proposals submitted by any one company or the number of non-drilling activities within each proposal.
- 7.11 Proposed project activities cannot start until the funding deed has been signed by all parties. Funding cannot be retrospective.
- 7.12 For projects which include collaboration, the Department must have written evidence from each party agreeing to the project. The Department will only pay to one recipient. A meeting may also be required to assess the working relationship between collaboration partners. **The partners must have granted tenure and all activity must apply directly to that tenure.**
- 7.13 Funding will be allocated on the estimated direct activity costs of the project as outlined on the submission webform and detailed within the proposal.

- 7.14 Funding paid will be based on the Actual Direct Activity Costs.
- 7.15 If the Actual Direct Activity Costs are more than the Estimated Direct Activity Costs, the Department will only be required to pay funds based on the Estimated Direct Activity Costs as set out in the Funding Deed.
- 7.16 If the Actual Direct Activity Costs are less than the Estimated Direct Activity Costs, the amount paid by the Department will be adjusted accordingly as set out in the Funding Deed.
- 7.17 Payment will be made on:
- 7.17.1 Acceptance by the Department of the final report and data containing all technical information, digital data, all analysis results including all contractors reports and lab certificate reports, in accordance with the original project proposal; and
  - 7.17.2 Evidence of expenditure associated with the project activities.
- 7.18 Details of the final report and all deliverables are defined in the Funding Deed – Collaborative Exploration Initiative between a successful applicant and the Department.
- 7.19 The final report, all technical information, digital data, analysis results and accompanying invoices must be submitted in digital formats no later than **31 December 2022 by 11.59pm (AEST)**. Submission guidelines, formats and templates will be discussed with successful applicants.
- 7.20 The GSQ will be responsible for loading the final approved report and data into the Open Data Portal (ODP) where it will remain confidential for 6 months until **30 June 2023**.
- 7.21 The earliest possible public release of CEI funded results is encouraged. All results, including access to all information and data, of the completed projects, will be made open file after a confidentiality period ending **30 June 2023**, provided there are no conflicts with statutory or corporate regulations such as ASX continuous disclosure requirements.
- 7.22 Further details of the operation of the Initiative are in the Funding Deed.

## 8.0 Collaborative Exploration Initiative timelines

- 8.1 **Round 6 is scheduled to open in November 2021**
- 8.2 Companies will have approximately 6 weeks to complete their applications
- 8.3 Proposals must be lodged via the online webform
- 8.4 Proposals must be lodged by **23:59 (AEST) Monday 13 December 2021** in the manner specified in *Section 4.2*.
- 8.5 Assessment of proposals and notification of success is expected to be made in **February 2022**.
- 8.6 A final check on activity commencement will occur on or by the 30 September 2022. Companies who have not commenced their activity by this date may have their funding withdrawn.
- 8.7 All activities are to be completed by the **30 November 2022**.

## 9.0 Final Report Completion and invoicing

- 9.1 The final report, digital data in the prescribed format in accordance with the [Practice Directions](#) and draft tax invoices with supporting documentation including but not limited to sub-contractor invoices, should be sent via email to [GSQ@resources.qld.gov.au](mailto:GSQ@resources.qld.gov.au) by **31 December 2022**.

- 9.2 Assessment of final reports, digital data and draft tax invoices is expected to take no longer than **2 weeks**.
- 9.3 Once the report, data and draft tax invoices and costings is approved by the Department, the Department will request a final invoice that will be paid within 30 days.
- 9.4 Approved Final reports will be uploaded to the Open Data Portal (ODP) by GSQ but will remain confidential until the end of the confidentiality period (**30 June 2023**).
- 9.5 The final report introduction must include an outline of the proposed project work and aims as outlined in the approved proposal.

## 10.0 Definitions

Exploration tenure and mining leases includes:

- Granted Exploration Permits for minerals under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*
- Granted Mining Leases under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*
- Granted Mineral Development Licences under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*

## 11.0 Further information

For information contact:

**Geological Survey of Queensland**

**Phone: +61 7 3096 6136**

**Email: [GSQ@resources.qld.gov.au](mailto:GSQ@resources.qld.gov.au)**

## 12.0 Privacy and consent

By submitting a proposal, you are permitting the following entities to access or use the personal information disclosed in the proposal form for the following purposes:

- The State of Queensland, acting through Department of Resources to assess proposals under the Collaborative Exploration Initiative, to collect and collate information relating to the applicant's details for the purposes of project reporting and project service delivery.

Any requests to access your information may be directed to [privacy@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:privacy@des.qld.gov.au).

## Appendix 1 – Proposal outline

- Proposals must be structured using the numbered headings as shown in Table 1.
- Any number of subheadings can be added under the numbered headings.
- Statements in italics are for guidance.
- IMPORTANT - proposals can only apply to **GRANTED** Queensland minerals exploration tenure.

**Table 1 – Drilling activities proposal outline**

<b>1. Executive Summary</b>
<b>2. Introduction</b> Must contain location information, including a location map.
<b>3. Regional context</b> Include geology and any other relevant information and any relevant comment on how the program will address regional knowledge gaps or uncertainties. May include figures as supporting information.
<b>4. Previous exploration</b> Short summary where necessary
<b>5. Detail of target</b> Please include information such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deposit model</li> <li>• All relevant targeting criteria</li> <li>• Any relevant comment on the level of innovation of the:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• model, or its application in this area</li> <li>• exploration techniques</li> <li>• May include figures and pictures as appropriate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>6 Proposed program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly link and justify how your exploration activity will test your deposit model</li> <li>• May include figures as supporting information</li> <li>• Include explanation of intended data processing and analysis</li> <li>• Expected outcomes and how this fits with long term project development goals</li> </ul>
<b>7 Summary comments</b> Comments should address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• innovation</li> <li>• potential to increase exploration activity in Queensland, particularly for New Economy minerals</li> <li>• expand the exploration frontiers in Queensland</li> </ul>
<b>8 Costings</b> detailed breakdown of anticipated activity costs
<b>9 Ability to meet CEI timeframes</b> Supporting documentation must be provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land access agreement(s), where available.</li> <li>• Cultural heritage clearances for specific sites</li> <li>• Letter of support from drilling contractor to establish drill availability</li> <li>• Statement of financial capability and compliance signed by company director.</li> <li>• Certificate of currency (Public liability insurance)</li> </ul>

**Table 2 – Non-drilling activities proposal outline**

<b>1. Executive Summary</b>
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2. <b>Introduction</b> Must contain location information, including a location map.
3. <b>Regional context</b> Include geology and any other relevant information and any relevant comment on how the program will address regional knowledge gaps or uncertainties. May include figures as supporting information.
4. <b>Previous exploration</b> Short summary where necessary
5. <b>Detail of activity</b> Please include information such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aims of activity</li> <li>• Detailed explanation of new or novel techniques</li> <li>• Expected outcomes</li> <li>• May include figures and pictures</li> </ul>
6. <b>Proposed program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey/activity specifications</li> <li>• Clearly link and justify how your exploration activity will test your geological conceptual model</li> <li>• May include figures</li> <li>• Include explanation of intended data processing and analysis</li> <li>• Expected outcomes and how this fits with long term project development goals</li> </ul>
7. <b>Summary comments</b> Comments should address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Innovation</li> <li>• Potential to increase exploration activity in Queensland particularly for New Economy minerals.</li> <li>• Expand the exploration frontiers in Queensland</li> </ul>
8. <b>Costings</b> – detailed breakdown of anticipated activity costs
9. <b>Ability to meet CEI timeframes</b> Supporting documentation must be provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land access agreement(s), where available.</li> <li>• Cultural heritage clearances for specific sites</li> <li>• Letter of support from contractor if applicable (e.g. for geophysical survey) to establish services availability</li> <li>• Statement of financial capability and compliance signed by company director</li> <li>• Certificate of currency (Public liability insurance)</li> </ul>

## Appendix 2a – CEI drilling activities: Assessment Score Card

<b>Company:</b>		<b>Project:</b>		<b>CEI #:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>		<b>Proposal:</b>			
1	<b>Conforms to Conditions for Proposals</b>				
	Proposal submitted in the due time and meets eligibility criteria as set out in Section 3 of the Guidelines				Yes / No
	Proposal submitted in the designated format as set down in Section 4 of the Guidelines				Yes / No
	Proposal contains sufficient supporting material for assessment as specified in the Guideline.				Yes / No
	<i>A "No" response will not preclude a proposal but will require special consideration for the proposal to be accepted</i>				
2	<b>Proposal has demonstrable technical merit</b>				
	The proposal is based on sound concept, supported with comprehensive research of available data, models, techniques and geology presented in a clear and concise manner				10
	Drilling method (i.e. sample quality) Is drilling methodology considered the most suitable/effective for the proposed exploration model				10
	Clear explanation of intended data processing and analysis techniques and how this fits with long term project development goals i.e consideration of the 'next steps' beyond this work program.				10
<b>Total</b>				<b>30</b>	
3	<b>Proposal concepts are innovative, address significant knowledge gaps and/or critical uncertainties in key areas, particularly for New Economy Minerals in Queensland.</b>				
	Activity targets an area or depth not adequately tested by previous exploration				10
	Contributes to basic regional geological information, such as stratigraphy, geochronology and structural geology, New Economy Mineral prospectivity.				10
	Drill targets developed using innovative applications of accepted exploration technologies or techniques or uses credible innovative technologies or techniques				10
<b>Total</b>				<b>30</b>	
4	<b>Potential to increase exploration activity in under-explored areas or increase exploration investment particularly for New Economy Minerals</b> Particular consideration given to projects focusing on discovery of New Economy Minerals.				30
5	<b>Moderator Judgement Factor</b> Moderator to apply professional intuition and judgement of application quality, clarity, presentation, exploration rationale, efficient budgeting, ability to complete work program etc				10
<i>Comments:</i>				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

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## Appendix 2b – CEI non-drilling activities: Assessment Score Card

<b>Company:</b>		<b>Project:</b>		<b>CEI #:</b>	
<b>Location:</b>		<b>Proposal:</b>			
1	<b>Conforms to Conditions for Proposals</b>				
	Proposal submitted in the due time and meets eligibility criteria as set out in Section 3 of the Guidelines			Yes/ No	
	Proposal submitted in the designated format as set down in Section 4 of the Guidelines			Yes / No	
	Proposal contains sufficient supporting material for assessment as specified in the Guideline			Yes / No	
<i>A "No" response will not preclude a proposal but will require special consideration for the proposal to be accepted</i>					
2	<b>Proposal has demonstrable technical merit</b>				
	The proposal is based on sound concept, supported with comprehensive research of available data, models, techniques and geology presented in a clear and concise manner			10	
	The nature and resolution of proposed activity is sufficient for purpose, e.g. to identify depth to basement / horizon or accurately defined target, and is appropriate for the stage of exploration as outlined in proposal. Proposed activity is appropriate in the area.			10	
	Clear explanation of intended data processing and analysis techniques and how this fits with long term project development goals i.e consideration of the 'next steps' beyond this work program.			10	
<b>Total</b>				<b>30</b>	
3	<b>Proposed activities are innovative, address significant knowledge gaps and/or critical uncertainties in key areas, particularly for New Economy Minerals in Queensland</b>				
	Activity targets an area or depth not adequately tested by previous exploration techniques or technologies			10	
	The activity will improve geological understanding and provide regional contribution toward generation of exploration targets, particularly for New Economy Minerals. Project may have implications for regional prospectivity.			10	
	Innovative applications of accepted exploration technologies or techniques, or uses credible innovative technologies or techniques			10	
<b>Total</b>				<b>30</b>	
4	<b>Potential to increase exploration activity in under-explored areas or increase exploration investment particularly for New Economy Minerals.</b> Particular consideration given to projects aiming to advance New Economy Minerals' exploration in the area			30	
5	<b>Moderator Judgement Factor</b> Moderator to apply professional intuition and judgement of application quality, clarity, presentation, exploration rationale, efficient budgeting, ability to complete work program etc			10	
<i>Comments:</i>				<b>TOTAL</b>	
				<b>100</b>	

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