

Invitation for Registrations of Interest – Question Guide

Pioneer Investment

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1 Introduction

These questions are to serve as a guide in providing your Registration of Interest (ROI) response via the online registration and questionnaire.

For all other information on the ROI, refer to the Invitation for ROI on the SEC website.

1.1 Lodgement

This ROI Question Guide is intended as a guide.

Responses to the Invitation for ROI are to be submitted by [completing the online form](#) available on the SEC website.

If you have problems accessing or completing the online form, please send an email to invest.sec@delwp.vic.gov.au with the subject heading: *“ROI Lodgement Issues”*.

For the avoidance of doubt, by submitting a ROI response, each respondent confirms its acknowledgement and acceptance of the terms set out in the Invitation for ROI and agrees and undertakes by its conduct to comply with the obligations imposed.

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2 Registration of Interest Question Guide

Preliminary Details	
1. Registrant Details	
1.1	Organisation / Applicant Name(s)
1.2	Registrant Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN)
1.3	Overview of current equity owners and percentage ownership structure
1.4	Name of Registrant's representative
1.5	Position / job title
1.6	Contact number
1.7	Email address
2. Project Details	
2.1	Project name
2.2	Equity sponsor(s)
2.3	Location of project (if known or if determined) <i>Please include the following:</i> • <i>Proposed coordinates of your project. Please use the preferred format of -32.37359, 150.99366.</i> • <i>The footprint of your project including any identified parcels of land required for your project (e.g. Lot/DP numbers).</i> • <i>Upload a copy of key location documents including a copy of any maps, shapefiles and line diagrams identifying your project footprint and proposed location for connection assets if available</i>
2.4	Who is the network service provider for your project?
2.5	Project type: Please select all that apply ☐ Solar PV ☐ Onshore wind ☐ Battery storage ☐ Hydro ☐ Other

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3. Strategic Alignment	
3.1	Is your project a new project or augmentation that is yet to be a committed development (i.e. have not reached Notice to Proceed stage, or equivalent commitments by equity investors).
3.2	What is the estimated final investment decision (FID) date for your project?
3.3	What is the expected capital investment value for your project (\$m)?
4. Technology	
4.1	What is the expected capacity factor (%) for your project? <i>Please enter a number from 0-100%</i>
4.2	At what stage of development is your technology: ☐ Proven and in operation ☐ Proven and not in operation ☐ Not yet proven – in the trial stage ☐ Not yet proven – theoretically possible ☐ Not yet proven – speculative ☐ Other (please specify)
4.3	Solar Technology Which technology type will be used for your project? <i>If applicable, please select one of the following options:</i> ☐ Fixed tilt ☐ Single-axis tracking ☐ Dual-axis tracking ☐ Other (please specify)
4.4	Onshore Wind Technology Which technology type will be used for your project? <i>If applicable, please select one of the following options:</i> ☐ Doubly-fed Induction Generator (DFIG) turbines ☐ Full-converter turbines ☐ Other (please specify)
4.5	Battery Storage Chemistry Which network support and/or market services can your battery storage project provide? <i>If applicable, please select one of the following options:</i> ☐ Frequency control ☐ Inertia / synthetic inertia / FFR ☐ Additional system strength

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	☐ System integrity protection ☐ Resilience to avoid material reductions in transfer capacity during an outage of a transmission element ☐ Reduce the need for network augmentation ☐ Other (please specify)
4.6	Are you proposing grid-forming inverters for your project (if applicable)?
4.7	If yes to Question 4.6, please specify the make and model of the grid forming inverter for your project.
4.8	For your project, would you prefer to connect to existing network infrastructure or new transmission network infrastructure?
4.9	Please describe the reason for your connection preference
4.10	What is the proposed connection voltage for your project?
4.11	What is the current network connection status of your project? <i>Please select one of the following:</i> ☐ Connection application ☐ Detailed design ☐ Offer to connect ☐ Connection agreement
4.12	What is the planning assessment status for your project? <i>Please select one of the following:</i> ☐ Not commenced ☐ Application for environmental assessment ☐ Environmental assessment issued ☐ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted ☐ Response to submissions ☐ Under assessment ☐ Approved ☐ Other (please specify)
4.13	What is the grid connection status for your project? <i>Please select one of the following:</i> ☐ Not commenced ☐ Scoping studies ☐ Pre-enquiry engagement with network service provider ☐ Connection enquiry ☐ Grid Connection Application submitted to TNSP ☐ Connection Offer received from TNSP

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	☐ GPS approved by TNSP and AEMO ☐ Connection Agreement signed ☐ 5.3.4A and 5.3.4B letters received
4.14	What is your preferred offtake strategy for generation output? <i>Please select one of the following:</i> ☐ Source a PPA for all or a proportion of the generation output ☐ Operate the project on a merchant basis, that is, neither a PPA nor off take arrangements ☐ Other (please specify) ☐ Yet to be determined <i>If a PPA is planned</i> Please outline the status of any discussions with Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) providers or other off take arrangements, including the proposed or target offtake proportion of total generation
5. Size	
5.1	What is the nameplate capacity MW (DC if applicable) and (AC) of the project, split by technology type? If the project includes battery storage, include proposed storage duration in MWh.
6. Location	
6.1	What is the location of the preferred connection point(s) for your project?
7. Project Delivery and Government Requirements	
7.1	Have you already secured land access or ownership rights for your project? <i>Please select one of the following:</i> ☐ Not commenced ☐ Pre-arrangement discussion / negotiation ☐ Option for lease ☐ Lease ☐ Own the land ☐ Other (please specify)
7.2	What is the development status of your project? <i>Please select one of the following:</i> ☐ Concept ☐ Seeking approval ☐ Obtained approvals ☐ Final investment decision <i>If under construction, please briefly indicate the stage of construction, anticipated completion and operational commencement.</i>

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- 7.3 Briefly explain what activities you have undertaken in relation to community and stakeholder engagement, including social licence approach and what the results have been?

Please upload a copy of your community engagement strategy, if available

- 7.4 Briefly explain to what extent your project contributes to economic development in Victoria, including local jobs, supply chains, manufacturing and service industries?

8. Timing

- 8.1 What is the estimated timeframe (months) to progress to the next key project development phase for your project? Please also describe which project development phase the project is in.

- 8.2 What is the estimated date of completion for your project (commercial operations date)?

9. Partnership

- 9.1 Is your project interested or looking for an equity partner?

If so, which equity investment model(s) would represent your interest (select all that may apply):

- ☐ Direct outright equity investment (100%)
- ☐ Majority investment with a minority partner
- ☐ Joint venture / joint development agreement
- ☐ Role as asset owner or operator

If a partnership is preferred, please outline at a high level key commercial parameters including:

- *preferred levels of equity ownership of the partners,*
- *your preferred role in the project during development, construction and operations*

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Final Questions	
10.1	What are the main gaps to developing your project(s) and what opportunities should the SEC consider to support overcoming these gaps, in partnership with the SEC?
10.2	Additionally, how else could your project benefit from SEC partnership and as a result, deliver additional value through partnering on the project?
10.3	Please provide any additional information that can help inform the SEC of gaps to accelerating renewable energy deployment, so that future investment can address specific project requirements and broader market needs.
10.4	Please provide any additional comments, opportunities or project details that you believe are relevant
10.5	Please upload any additional file(s) that would be useful in understanding your project
10.6	Please describe the additional file(s) uploaded
10.7	Confirmation by a director or equivalent authorised delegate of the organisation / applicant that the information provided is a true and accurate reflection of the project status as at the date of submission.

