# Application for an Offshore Petroleum Exploration Permit

## The Invitation

The tender process is conducted by the Victorian Minister for Resources under and in accordance with the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2010 (Vic)*.

In managing the tender on behalf of the Minister, the Department will apply its procurement policy and will consider any tender that complies with and is lodged in accordance with the conditions set out in tender documents.

A separate application must be made for each individual designated area.

Tenderers must register on the Victorian Government Tenders website www.tender.vic.gov.au to submit a tender application. Registration on Tenders Vic also enables potential tenderers to be kept informed about questions from other potential tenderers and the Department’s responses to these.

Tenders must be submitted by uploading documents to the Tenders Vic website before the closing time of 6pm Friday 15 February 2019.

### 2018 Petroleum Acreage Release Otway Basin

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| Information | All tender documents can be found on <http://earthresources.vic.gov.au/home/2018-acreage-release>  If you have any difficulty accessing the documents, or if you require additional information, please contact the Victorian Gas Program by email  [vgp@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:vgp@ecodev.vic.gov.au) |

### Registration

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| Registration location | Applicants must ensure that they register their details at www.tenders.vic.gov.au to ensure they are kept informed of any changes that may arise in relation to this Invitation. |

### Closing time

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| Closing time |  |
| 6 pm Australian Eastern Standard time | Friday 15 February 2019 |

### Lodgement

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| Internet lodgement |  |
| Website address | [www.tenders.vic.gov.au](http://www.tenders.vic.gov.au) |
| Access restrictions (if any) | Tenderers are responsible for ensuring that tenders submitted via the internet are lodged with sufficient time to allow receipt by the Department by the closing time. |
| Other requirements | * Applicants may only submit documentation that has been virus checked and is free from viruses. * Please note that the maximum file size is 100Mb for a single batch upload. * Ensure that you submit your response well before the tender box closing time and allow time to transfer. We recommend at least 2 hours early. * Check your receipt carefully to ensure all files have been uploaded. If you do not get a receipt from Tenders VIC, you must resubmit your response. * If your tender response upload continues for more than 15 minutes on the Submit Electronic Response page, please close your web browser and restart the process again. * If you are inactive on the Submit Electronic Response page for more than 30 minutes, then please refresh this page and log in to Tenders VIC again to submit the tender response. * Call the Tenders VIC helpdesk on (03) 8683 2932 between 9am and 5pm AEST or email on tenders@dtf.vic.gov.au if you have any technical problems with the website.   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Important Notice –Please ensure that the email address you have registered with the VGPB Victorian Government Tenders website, www.tenders.vic.gov.au is correct and current, otherwise you may not receive Addenda, Memoranda or other information issued in relation to this Invitation.  DEDJTR will accept no responsibility for failure of email delivery. |

### Evaluation criteria

It is a requirement that a work program for the six-year term of the exploration permit is submitted for the block applied for. The work program is made a condition of the permit under section 75 of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2010.*

In assessing applications, the department must be satisfied an applicant has the technical and financial capacity to complete the work program. The department will evaluate applications using the following criteria.

1. How the exploration work program is intended to be funded, including evidence of the continued ability to attract external funding or have sufficient financial resources to meet the requirements of the proposed work program.
2. The likelihood that the applicant will remain in a position to complete the work program taking into consideration the applicant’s other exploration commitments.
3. The technical advice available to the applicant. This includes the technical capacity, competence and experience of key personnel and subcontractors.
4. The past performance of the applicant, in Australia and overseas. Past performance may also refer to any health, safety and/or environmental incidents within Australia or internationally.
5. Consideration of the relationship that a Director of an applicant company had with a company that has defaulted over the previous six years.
6. The relevance of the proposed work program to the technical evaluation and exploration strategy.
7. The amount, type and timing of seismic acquisition and processing to be carried out, including parameters and methodology.
   1. The amount, type and timing of other surveying and data acquisition to be carried out.
   2. The amount, type and timing of seismic data to be purchased or licenced.
   3. The amount, type and timing of seismic data reprocessing to be carried out, including parameters and methodology.
   4. The type, scope and objectives of the geophysical and geological studies, proposed within the area and how these studies align with other work program activities and the exploration strategy.
   5. The number, timing and depth of exploration wells proposed and their alignment with the perceived prospectivity of the area, supporting program of geological and geophysical work and the number of proposed plays and/or mapped prospects/leads identified.
   6. Whether the work program adequately considers time required to acquire a seismic crew or drill rig.
8. If an applicant cannot be chosen on the basis of the primary work program, the secondary work program will be assessed and ranked.

### Exploration permits

Following completion of the 2018 Victorian Offshore Petroleum Acreage Release evaluation process, and the Minister’s decision to appoint preferred applicants, successful applicants will be notified in writing with the offer of an exploration permit.

The unsuccessful applicants will also be notified in writing.

### Special note

The Victorian Government expects that Australian domestic consumers will be given the first genuine and reasonable offer to buy any new gas that is discovered under any future production licence over the acreage release areas.

## Applicant’s Response

Instructions to applicants for completing this template.

1. Applicants must respond to all sections of this template
2. Applicants may provide supplementary material to support their Response. All supplementary material must be cross referenced to the relevant section of this template.
3. Evidence of financial resources must be sent as an attachment to this template.
4. Authorisation for payment of the application fee by credit card must be sent with this application.
5. All responses must be provided within the specified fields. To add additional rows press Enter with the cursor outside the cell at the end of the last row or Press Tab if the cursor is inside the last cell.

### 1. Area applied for

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| Individual designated area | |
| Area number |  |

### 2. Applicant(s)

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| Applicant (s) Name and address  Company or individual name(s) and business address | ACN/ABN No.  If applicable | Interest %  Must total 100% |
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### 3. Authorised officer(s)

The authorised office holder is a person who acts in an official capacity on behalf of a firm, such as a company secretary, director, executive, manager, or other individual authorised to so act.

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| Company or individual name(s) | Authorised office holder | Position |
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### 4. Application contact person

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| Name: |  |
| Company: |  |
| Position held: |  |
| Phone numbers: |  |
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### 5. Work program summary

**Summarise the proposed work program, identifying the major elements of the proposed work program.**

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| Year | Work Program Summary | Proposed expenditure in Australian dollars (AUD) |
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### 6. Work bid

*Tender evaluation criteria 6*

**Provide, as an attachment, details to substantiate the merits of the work program.**

**Your response to question 6 must be provided in a separate document. Be sure to paginate your response and provide a list of contents. Your response must address the eight components in the same order as listed below.**

1. Your technical assessment of the petroleum resource potential of the area using existing data which demonstrates an understanding of potential petroleum systems and plays within the area. The applicant should indicate what data or information it has based its assessment on including a description of any studies undertaken as part of the pre-bid evaluation.
2. Your geoscientific rationale or adequate supporting program of geological and geophysical work for siting the wells, or the rationale for wells.
3. The number, timing, target and depth of wells to be drilled.
4. The type, timing and extent of surveying to be carried out.
5. The extent of the proposed sampling program for the purposes of geochemical or other analysis.
6. The types and extent of the data to be collected in well(s) such as; lithology (cuttings, cores), wireline logs and downhole tests.
7. The extent to which your proposed work program is consistent with and builds on your technical assessment of the area.
8. The extent to which the structure and timing of the proposed work program will systematically progress the petroleum potential of the area.

### 7. Work commitments

*Tender evaluation criteria 2*

**Detail other exploration commitments you are committed to over the next six years.**

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### 8. Compliance history

*Tender evaluation criteria 4*

**Detail your compliance history in other petroleum exploration areas (Australia and overseas).**

List any cancellations of permits in Australia in the last five years.

Provide details of any company director who has been a company director of a company that has defaulted on an agreed work program in the last five years.

*Tender evaluation criteria 5*

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### 9. Financial resources

**9.1 Detail how you will fund the proposed work program.**

*Tender evaluation criteria 1*

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**9.2 Provide, as an attachment(s), evidence of the financial resources available to you. Attach a verifiable financial statement from an independent accountant, auditor or financial institution for each applicant.**

### 10. Technical capability

*Tender evaluation criteria 3*

Provide your technical qualifications, the relevant technical qualifications of key employees and details of the relevant technical advice available to you (technical advice available by way of consultants or other providers).

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| Name | Qualification or technical advice available |
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### Other matters

If there are any other matters you wish the Minister to consider, provide a statement about these.

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# Application fee

Applications must be accompanied by authorisation for a credit card payment of the prescribed application fee of $4590 AUD. The fee is non-refundable. Please send this completed authorisation form with your application.

By providing the information requested below, you authorise the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources to the charge the card listed for the amount of $4,590.00 AUD.

The security code or CCV number is required to process the payment and will be destroyed after completing the transaction.

## Credit card authorisation

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| Name on card: |  |
| Type of card: | Visa  MasterCard |
| Account number: |  |
| Expiration date: |  |
| Billing address: |  |
| City, State, Postcode: |  |
| Security code (CCV number): |  |
| Credit card contact phone number: |  |
| Application fee to be charged: | $4,590.00 |