



AEMO Services is publishing this document to answer additional questions from the Tender Round 5 webinar on 28 May 2024.

Table 1 below outlines additional questions received during the Tender Round 5 webinar, and responses from AEMO Services. All further communication and questions are required to be directed through the formal Q&A process, which is available after registration is complete.

As Tender Round 5 is now open, Proponents are required to adhere to the communication protocols outlined in the Tender Guidelines; for more information, please see 5.14 and 5.15 of the Tender Guidelines.

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Table 1 - Questions from 28 May 2024 Webinar

Question	Response
Will AEMO Services run a second Access Rights tender if additional head room is deemed available?	Please refer to the Renewable Energy Zone (South West) Access Scheme Order 2024. In accordance with Section (7)(1), it is at the Infrastructure Planner’s discretion to allocate additional Access Rights following the initial allocation. Should these conditions apply, and additional access rights are to be allocated through a subsequent AEMO Services tender, proponents will be informed, and similar Tender Guidelines will be issued.
Does Eligibility Criteria 10 include recoverable grants?	For Tender Round 5, regarding the definition of financial support from State or Commonwealth government in Eligibility Criteria 10, recoverable grants from ARENA and non-concessional funding provided by the CEFC are not included in this definition. Projects with these forms of funding are deemed eligible under this criterion.
What level of detail is expected for Community Engagement Plans for Projects that are early in stage (e.g. SEARS received but detail on benefit sharing is not available)?	Please refer to MC4 in the Tender Guidelines, in particular the “What we are looking for” section, as well as the “Social License Market Briefing Note” and “Guidance for completing social licence returnable schedules” documents on the Tender Round 5 website. Proponents are required to articulate and evidence their progress for the factors in this criterion, even if they are at an early stage. As outlined in the Tender Guidelines 3.1.7., these commitments form a schedule to the LTESA PDA or Access PDA, and therefore become contractually binding. Where details on benefit sharing initiatives are still under development, Proponents should specify a minimum, firm commitment and provide details of their plan for allocating committed funds to benefit sharing initiatives, and include governance arrangements that will be followed to finalise these initiatives. The level of commitments in the Financial Value Bid should be consistent or higher, but not lower, than those made in the Project Bid.

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<p>Of the 3.98 GW of Access Rights, is there an estimate of how much will be intended for VRE Generation and how much for Storage?</p>	<p>There is no target mix for the South West REZ Access Scheme; the mix for the initial allocation is dependent on the assessment of Project and Financial Value Bids against the Merit Criteria, as well as portfolio assessment outcomes as per 3.1.11 of the Tender Guidelines.</p>
<p>How do we submit Conflict of Interest (COI) forms prior to the Project Bid?</p>	<p>Proponents that successfully register a Project for Tender Round 5, will be able to submit the Conflict of Interest Returnable Schedule using the Conflict of Interest Form.</p> <p>Proponents can access the form by logging into the online portal and then clicking the 'My Submissions' link at the top of page. Here Proponents will be able to view completed submissions and any associated forms by clicking the drop-down arrow to expand the list.</p> <p>Note the Conflict of Interest form can be submitted separately to the Project Bid.</p>