**DP 25 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) - PROJECT DESCRIPTION TEMPLATE**

**PRELIMINARY ADVICE**

1. **EOI Selection criteria (per cl 6.2):**
2. **Investigator(s)/Capability 30%**

*Taking into account research opportunity*,

* Record of high-quality research outputs appropriate to the discipline(s)
* evidence of excellence in research training, mentoring and supervision (where appropriate); and
* the capability of the investigator or team to build collaborations both within Australia and internationally.

1. **Project quality and innovation 70%**

* Contribution to an important gap in knowledge or a significant problem
* Novelty/originality and innovation of the proposed research
* Appropriateness of the proposed research design
* Potential to create new knowledge and research capacity, and economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia.

1. **Project Description is a maximum of 2 A4 pages.**

* **Audience for your application**:

The assessment process for the EOIs is totally different to the previous DP rounds. The assessors will be selected from the expanded College of Experts. There is not a Rejoinder opportunity.

Whoever reads your grant application, in all probability are unlikely to be an expert in your specific discipline but an experienced and successful researcher in your broader discipline base. They are extremely busy – make it easy for them to read your EOI – lots of white space and short snappy paragraphs.

* **Your CI and PI team:**

With limited space for detailed track record in the previous sections, it should be obvious why you and your team are collaborating in this project and the specific discipline expertise that each member will be contributing.

As the ROPE sections will auto populate as each CI uploads their ROPE sections *-* the lead CI needs *cross check* to ensure that the supporting evidence is in the previous ROPE sections. Top 10 publications need to support the project and the discipline expertise.

1. **Structure of the new Project Description:**

**PROJECT QUALITY AND INNOVATION**

1. How does the research aim to address a significant gap in knowledge or problem?
2. What are the key research questions of the project?
3. What methods and/or conceptual/theoretical framework will be used in the project?
4. What is the anticipated new knowledge that will be created by the project?
5. How might the research result in economic, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits to Australia?

**REFERENCES**

* Include a list of all references, including relevant references to the previous work of the participants.

**C1 PROJECT TITLE:**

**RESEARCH AIM (¼ page)**

**The introductory paragraph/s should define the problem WHAT NEEDS TO BE FOUND OUT and WHY and the Aim is how you are going to solve the problem.**

**KEY RESEARCH QUESTIONS (¼ page)**

**Suggest max 3-4 and must be specific and directly relevant to the project. The numbering of the RGs should then be used to link the methods/ conceptual framework below.**

**METHODS AND/OR CONCEPTUAL/THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK (3/4 page)**

**In this section set out the innovation: WHAT’S NEW?**

**Why is your team going to be able to solve the research problem set out in the first paragraph when others have failed?**

**Maybe a GANT chart or a diagram linking the RGs to the methods/conceptual/theoretical framework and team members and their expertise.**

**ANTICIPATED NEW KNOWLEDGE (¼ page)**

**How will it contribute to advancing the discipline knowledge base?**

**ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND/OR CULTURAL BENEFITS TO AUSTRALIA (¼ page)**

**Why is this project important to the broader Australian community? what could be the impact? Do not use broad open non-specific statements. Link to government policies if possible.**

**REFERENCES (max ¼ page)**

* Include a list of all references, including relevant references to the previous work of the participants.
* *Keep it short. Only the most relevant, recent and in top journals.*