**DECRA 2023 ROUND PROJECT DESCRIPTION NOTES ETC**

**Structure:**

* + PROJECT TITLE
  + PROJECT AIMS AND BACKGROUND
  + INVESTIGATOR/CAPABILITY
  + PROJECT QUALITY AND INNOVATION
  + BENEFIT
  + FEASIBILITY
  + COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS
  + REFERENCES
  + ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (IF REQUIRED)

**10 PAGES**

**The first page**

Think of the first page as an Executive Summary – the first 2-3 paras must introduce the problem and say how you are going to solve it.

* I always recommend that in the first couple of paragraphs of any project description – you define your space – you set the parameters – otherwise your assessors will set them for you and it will not be the same as yours - outcome being misunderstandings and confusion.
* The opening para must have an “OMG” we must do something NOW statement - a ‘call to arms/action’ so to speak

**PROJECT TITLE:**

**AIMS AND BACKGROUND (1 pg)**

**Have 2-3 introductory paras then heading:**

**Aims**

**Background**

**INVESTIGATOR/CAPABILITY** ) **1 page**

(50% of the selection criteria BUT also includes ROPE F17

*NB suggestion: use this section as a summary of F17*

**Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence** (ROPE)

**Capability of candidate to build collaborations both within Australia and internationally**

**PROJECT QUALITY AND INNOVATION (25% selection criteria) (5 ½ pages)**

**Contribution to an important gap in knowledge or significant problem**

**Novelty/originality and innovation of the proposed research (including any new methods, technologies, theories or ideas that will be developed)**

**Clarity of the hypothesis, theories and research questions**

**Cohesiveness of the project design and implementation plan (including the appropriateness of the aim, conceptual framework, method, data and/or analyses**

**Extent to which the research has the potential to enhance international collaboration**

**BENEFIT** (15% selection criteria) **1 page**

**New or advanced knowledge resulting from outcomes of the research**

**Economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia and international communities**

**Potential contribution to capacity in the Australian Government’s National Science and Research Priorities and other priorities identified by government**

**FEASIBILITY (10% selection criteria) 1 page**

**Cost effectiveness of the research and its value for money**

**Feasibility of the research (including contribution of the project’s design, participants and resources to the timely completion of the project**)

**Supportive environment for the DECRA candidate and their project, and for HDR students where appropriate**

**Availability of the necessary facilities to complete the project**

**COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS (1/2 page)**

Outline plans for communicating the research results to other researchers and the broader community, including but not limited to scholarly and public communication and dissemination.

**REFERENCES (1 PAGE – only 2-3 self cites)**

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

References may be in 10 point font.