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Expression of interest (EOI) template

[Insert title of new method proposal]

[Insert proponent name]

[insert month and year]

Using this template

Please use this template if you wish to submit an expression of interest (EOI) for a method or method variation proposal under the Australian Carbon Credit Unit (ACCU) Scheme. Your method proposal will be assessed by the Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee (ERAC). The ERAC is an independent statutory committee who assess the compliance of methods against the legislated Offsets Integrity Standards.¹ Its assessment will inform prioritisation by the Australian Government of EOIs that should be developed into a method. You should refer to the *Guide for submitting an expression of interest* (EOI Guide), available on the [Department's website](#) when filling out this template.

Please complete all sections of this template to the best of your ability. Please acknowledge any unresolved issues in your submission as this will assist the ERAC to understand outstanding work required to further develop your proposal, and any challenges you anticipate in developing the proposed method.

A completed EOI template should not exceed 20 pages. This excludes the cover page, introduction page and the appendices and declaration page. The page limit does not include any attachments that you submit. In the interest of accessibility please do not change the font or formatting beyond expanding the answer boxes as needed.

Method EOIs are to be submitted via the [Have Your Say page website](#).

Supporting information

Supporting information is requested throughout the EOI. If you are referencing publications, please provide a reference list. Any reference style can be used.

Documents may be attached where appropriate and additional space can be created in the answer boxes if required. Additional information included in a separate document should be labelled with the item number it relates to.

You are encouraged to include the names and affiliations of technical experts consulted in the development of the EOI. You must have permission from the individual or organisation to include their names prior to submitting the EOI.

Please be aware that your submission is likely to be published on the ERAC Secretariat's webpage. Please DO NOT include any confidential material in your submission. If you have confidential information that you believe is essential to your submission, please contact the ERAC Secretariat on methodproposal@dcceew.gov.au to discuss how this can be managed. Where possible, information should be made publicly available.

¹ Section 133 of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011*.

Section 1: Method developer contact details

1.1 Method developer contact details	
Title of proposed method/variation, 10 words:	
Contact name:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Position:	
Organisation name:	Full name of the legal entity you are submitting the idea on behalf of (or specify that you are representing no company or organisation). Please include your ABN, ACN, or equivalent (if applicable for your organisation).
Organisation type:	<p>What type of entity are you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research/University• Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group or company• Carbon Service Provider• Environmental group• Other NGO• Peak body• Private Industry• Other
Public facing name and contact details:	Please provide the contact details you would like to the ERAC Secretariat to provide to interested third parties.

Section 2: Eligibility

2.1 Registering your idea with the ERAC Secretariat
Have you registered your method idea on the Method Development Tracker?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please provide details below. Date of registration: Registration ID:
<input type="checkbox"/> No – You are encouraged to submit an idea before an EOI. Please visit the department's website or email methodproposal@dcceew.gov.au to find out how to register your idea.

2.2 Eligibility of proposed carbon abatement

Appendix A to the EOI Guide lists the categories for which greenhouse gas emissions and removals are included in Australia's National greenhouse gas inventory. Following consultation with the Secretariat, indicate which of the below is correct. If you have not consulted with the Secretariat, please mark as unconfirmed.

Is the abatement described in your method proposal eligible carbon abatement under the ACCU Scheme? Which categories will your proposal impact? Please refer to Section 2 of the EOI Guide.

Please note that if it becomes clear proposed abatement is not eligible abatement, the Secretariat may not assess the remainder of your proposal.

☐ Yes – the EOI Guide (Appendix A) and the ERAC Secretariat indicate the activity covered under the proposed method is likely to result in eligible carbon abatement.

☐ Unconfirmed – feedback from the secretariat indicates further consideration is required.

Section 3: Experience and consultation

3.1 Your skills and expertise

Provide a description of your skills, expertise and experience and their relevance to the method proposal. Please list any organisations involved in/collaborating on development of the proposed method.

3.2 Expert consultation

Provide names and organisations of experts consulted in developing this EOI. You must have consent from them to include their names prior to submitting this proposal.

Name	Organisation	Will you continue to engage with this expert if your proposal is progressed to be developed into a method?

3.3 Community, organisations, and individuals

Please provide the names, communities, and organisations you have included, or engaged with on the development of this EOI including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities. You must have permission from the individual or organisation to include their names prior to submitting this proposal.

Name	Organisation	Will you continue to engage with this person or organisation if your proposal is progressed? If yes, what role will they play in the method development process?

3.3.1 First Nations opportunities

Does the proposed method idea apply to areas with a recognised Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights or interests including Native Title interests or claims? What opportunities

have you identified for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander participation? This includes during the method development process (such as recognition of Traditional ecological knowledge), at the project-level (through First Nations-led projects), or benefit sharing.

Section 4: Similarity to existing or other proposed methods

EOIs should be drafted to be broadly applicable. EOIs that are substantially similar may be referred back to proponents, with a recommendation that a joint proposal be submitted instead. Registering your idea on the method development tracker will enable you to identify other, similar proposals under development, and help you to collaborate with proponents with similar ideas.

4.1 Similar methods under development

Are you aware of another method under development or method proposal which is similar to your proposal?

- ☐ There are no comparable methods under development.
- ☐ There are comparable methods under development – please list them below and explain why you are submitting a separate EOI.

4.2 Existing methods

Is this EOI adapting an existing ACCU method or method from another offsets scheme?

- ☐ No, this is a new method.
- ☐ Yes – please provide below:
1. The name of the scheme in which the method exists
 2. Title/name of existing method
 3. A reference/source for the existing method
 4. Description of any major differences between this method proposal and the existing method.

Section 5: Activities and eligibility

5.1 Project activity

Describe the processes that would be involved in implementing the project activity/activities so it is possible to understand what would be required to conduct the applicable projects. Please identify whether projects using the proposed method would remove and/or avoid emissions. Provide supporting evidence when possible. (Note that details on how the baseline and project emissions are calculated are requested in Section 6.)

5.2 Project eligibility requirements

Clearly set out the requirements for projects to be eligible. The proposed eligibility criteria must describe the circumstances and conditions in which a project would be allowed to occur. Requirements may relate to ensuring newness, baseline setting and project boundaries.

5.3 Potential for double counting

Is there a risk of double counting associated with the proposed method? Are relevant emissions counted in other contexts? Please describe how you propose to account for any potential for double counting in the method.

Section 6: Calculating net abatement

6.1 Baseline scenario

Identify and describe the baseline scenario or scenarios for the proposed method.
Provide a description and evidence of current industry practice and how baseline emissions can be quantified and calculated. Provide supporting evidence.

6.2 Baseline scenario over time

Please indicate whether, and to what extent, the baselines should change over time. This may help ensure the activities under the proposed method remain additional. Provide supporting evidence.

6.3 Project activity emissions

Describe how you will calculate remaining emissions (in the project boundary) once the project has been carried out. This should include accounting for new emissions that may result from carrying out activities. Provide supporting evidence when possible.

6.4 Account for periodic variation

Describe how the method proposal would account for periodic variations that may occur in the amount of carbon stored or avoided (if applicable). Provide supporting evidence when possible.

6.5 Account for carbon leakage

Provide detail on whether – and to what extent – the proposed method may result in carbon leakage and how that has been or could be accounted for in the proposed method's design. Provide supporting evidence when possible.

6.6 Calculating net abatement

Describe how the net abatement will be calculated and how the uncertainty of the net abatement will be calculated. Provide supporting evidence.

You are encouraged to provide a diagram which clearly shows the baseline relative to the proposed abatement over the life of projects conducted under the proposed method.

Section 7: Offsets Integrity Standards

The Offsets Integrity Standards are legislated in section 133 of the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* that methods must meet.

7.1 How will your proposed method be additional to business-as-usual practice?

Provide supporting evidence when possible.

7.2 How will your proposed method be measurable and verifiable?

Provide supporting evidence when possible.

7.3 What evidence will your proposed method be based on?

Provide a summary of the type of evidence your method proposal draws on and describe any uncertainties or limitations associated with it.

7.4 How will your proposed method be conservative?

Provide supporting evidence when possible.

Section 8: Method proposal triage criteria

In addition to considering whether a method proposal has the potential to meet the legislated Offsets Integrity Standards, the ERAC assesses method proposals against the triaging criteria.

8.1 Total abatement potential, including likely uptake

Describe the possible total abatement potential of the proposed method, including:

- Likely uptake, including justification and evidence for your estimate and factors likely to influence the uptake.
- Possible locations of projects (i.e. particular regions/jurisdictions).
- Accessibility of the proposed method to all stakeholders.
- Given the above, the likely abatement in the short and longer-term from the method.

Provide supporting evidence when possible.

8.2 Proposal complexity

Describe the complexity of the method proposal, including how difficult it may be, and how much time it may take, to develop, maintain, and regulate.

8.3 Broader positive outcomes

Describe any positive environmental, economic, social and/or cultural outcomes and benefits, including for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, that might occur from the uptake of the proposed method. Provide a clear rationale for each proposed outcome, with supporting evidence where possible.

8.4 Innovation

Briefly describe how the method proposal could foster innovation in the relevant sectors.

8.5 Preliminary risk assessment and any potential adverse impacts

Please indicate what, if any potential adverse or negative environmental, economic, social and/or cultural impacts could result from the method. Consider the circumstances under which the risks or outcomes might arise and any method requirements that could avoid or minimise the risks.

Section 9: Method tools

9.1 Method tools (optional)

If applicable, describe any tools that would be used as part of the method, for example to model or calculate abatement under the method. Please provide information outlined in the EOI Guide.

Section 10: Method Development Project Plan

10.1 Project plan for method development

Provide a high-level project plan for developing your proposal. The plan can take any form and be submitted as an attachment. Please provide the information outlined in the EOI Guide.

Section 11: References

11.1 References

Provide a full citation for all reports, papers and journal articles cited in the method proposal.

Section 12: Appendices

12.1 Appendices

List and attach all relevant documentation to support an assessment of the proposal including cited reports, papers and journal articles that are not publicly available.

Section 13: Declaration

This application must be signed by a duly authorised representative of the proponent. The person signing should read the following declaration and sign below.

Division 137 of the Criminal Code makes it an offence for a person to give information to a Commonwealth entity if the person providing the information knows that the information is false or misleading. The maximum penalty for such an offence is imprisonment up to 12 months.

By signing below, the signatory acknowledges that he or she is an authorised representative of the proponent, and that all of the information contained in this application is true and correct. The signatory warrants that they own or have a licence to use all of the relevant intellectual property rights in the application submitted. The signatory also warrants that they have read, and agreed to

all information on the submission portal for this EOI, including the important information, privacy notice, public disclosure statement, intellectual property agreement, and declaration.

Full name of the person signing as representative of the proponent			
Position			
Signature		Date	