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KNOWLEDGE SHARING GUIDANCE

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Knowledge Sharing Guidance for ARENA funding recipients

This document provides guidance to ARENA funding recipients on Knowledge Sharing requirements. We recommend reading this in conjunction with the applicable Knowledge Sharing Plan Template. It is important to note that this document is applicable only to ARENA-funded studies and projects, and does not apply to research and development.

KNOWLEDGE SHARING AT ARENA

Here at ARENA, our purpose is to improve the competitiveness of renewable energy technologies and increase the supply of renewable energy through innovation that benefits Australian consumers and businesses. We do this in two key ways; by providing funding to the best ideas, and sharing knowledge, insights and data from our funded projects.

Renewable energy is a rapidly evolving industry and the sharing of information is critical to its growth and development. Our knowledge sharing function aims to keep stakeholders informed and equipped with the most relevant information. To do this well, we ask our projects to capture high-quality quantitative and qualitative data that links with the needs of the market, while respecting our Recipient's commercial and contractual rights.

MAINTAINING A COMMERCIAL PERSPECTIVE

It's important to note that our requirement to share knowledge does not compromise our Recipient's commercially sensitive information or intellectual property rights. Knowledge sharing also does not include the Recipient's business development products or activities. There are synergies between the two functions and ARENA will consider activities where there is a clearly identifiable knowledge sharing/industry development outcome.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR RECIPIENTS?

By receiving ARENA funding, we require Recipients to fulfil knowledge sharing deliverables at various stages of the project. Knowledge sharing deliverables vary depending on the type of project Recipients have received funding for, and will either be one-off and tied to specific project milestones, or recurring tasks that tie to specific dates.

We remain cognisant of the rapidly evolving nature of the industry, and work to ensure that the content is both relevant and timely.

Attachment A introduces two module templates: the Study Module and Project Module. The type of activity you are seeking ARENA funding for will determine which module to use in your knowledge sharing plan. These templates represent the baseline of ARENA's knowledge sharing expectations.

KNOWLEDGE SHARING DELIVERABLE EXAMPLES

Project Surveys (ARENA only)

Each quarter Recipients are asked to complete the 15 minute ARENA Project Survey. The survey allows ARENA to collect regular project snapshots in 'real time'. This reduces the burden on Recipients

to produce lengthy reports and makes high-value information more frequently and readily accessible to ARENA.

Lessons Learnt Reports (public)

Lessons learnt reports are submitted regularly and typically focus on the technical, regulatory, financial and economic, and social lessons learnt throughout the duration of the project. Other topics specific to the project may also be included. The purpose is to provide industry with timely information that may be useful for accelerating technologies.

Roundtables, Webinars and Workshops (public or select stakeholders)

Recipients are typically expected to either present or actively participate in industry discussions in order to promote and share lessons from the project to industry, and to connect with interested stakeholders.

Final Project Report (public)

A public version of the Final Report is required at the end of the project that acts as a summary of the key findings and lessons learnt, speaks to future applications, and other topics considered relevant and specific to the project.

Ad Hoc Activities (public or ARENA only)

Ad hoc reports, products and activities provide flexibility and an opportunity for ARENA and Recipients to collaborate on emerging industry needs. We encourage proponents to approach ARENA with ideas/opportunities. ARENA may also approach projects (and portfolios of projects) to collaborate on opportunities as they arise.

Quantitative data (public or ARENA only)

Quantitative data may include financial models and project performance data, where relevant. A robust, consistent data set across ARENA's respective portfolios is essential to facilitate portfolio-wide analysis. In most cases, much of the data ARENA requires is already being collected by the Project, if best practice monitoring of system performance is being followed.

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