

SNOWY HYDRO

Legacy Fund

Freight Registration of Interest factsheet

The NSW Government is investigating improvements in freight logistics and supply chain processes to help farmers and regional communities get the state's world-class produce to domestic and international markets as efficiently as possible.

As part of the investigations, a Registration of Interest (ROI) process is now open and seeking nominations for potential enabling infrastructure projects that will improve supply chains to domestic and export markets.

OBJECTIVES OF ROI

To identify:

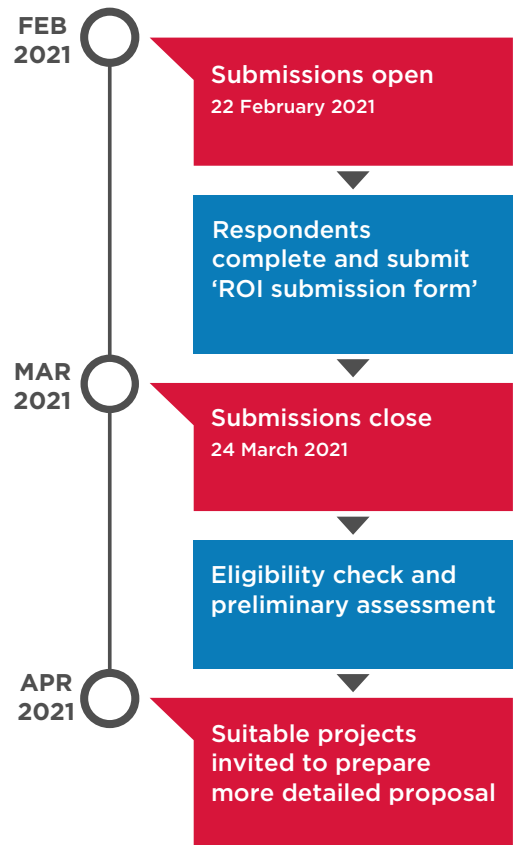
- enabling infrastructure projects that will address key constraints to regional NSW freight and supply chains and facilitate the export of regional NSW products
- opportunities to facilitate economic development in regional NSW through supply chain improvements
- opportunities to establish partnerships between government, industry and private sector.

KEY DATES

The following timeframes apply to the ROI submission process.

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
ROI submissions open	10am AEDT Monday 22 February 2021
Industry briefing session	1pm AEDT Wednesday 3 March 2021
ROI submissions close	10am AEDT Wednesday 24 March 2021
Eligibility check and preliminary assessment	April 2021
Suitable projects invited to prepare more detailed proposals	April 2021

WHAT IS THE ROI PROCESS?





WHO CAN SUBMIT TO THE ROI?

Respondents must be a solvent entity incorporated in Australia under law, with a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN), including:

- the 93 regional NSW councils, regional Joint Organisations of councils and the Unincorporated Far West groups
- private sector businesses not owned or operated by government
- cooperatives
- incorporated, not-for-profit organisations or other organisations in NSW, including Indigenous corporations
- consortia with a lead respondent who is an eligible entity as per above.

Ineligible applicants are:

- an individual, partnership or trust that is not a registered private sector business
- those that do not have demonstrated capability to deliver the project.

WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS WILL BE CONSIDERED?

Enabling Infrastructure projects must:

- be located in one of the 93 regional NSW Local Government Areas or the Unincorporated Far West
- facilitate supply chain improvements that enable products from regional NSW to reach domestic and/or priority markets
- support economic development opportunities in regional NSW
- be delivered and operational by 30 June 2023
- provide benefits to one or more eligible engine industries as outlined in the ROI.

WHAT ARE ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Enabling infrastructure includes civil infrastructure, property and facilities, plant and equipment, digital infrastructure and utilities.

PROJECT EXAMPLES

Case 1

An aquaculture farm in Moree is seeking to open access to new Asian markets for its highly prized barramundi. To be successful, the farm needs improved cold storage in Moree to allow seamless delivery, at scale, from the farm to Sydney International Airport. The farm does not have sufficient capital to install the refrigeration needed onsite and is seeking support to enable growth.

Case 2

A food packaging business is seeking support to upgrade its facility to increase the quantity of stone fruit packed daily. This would benefit both the stone fruit producer, in getting more of its product to market sooner, and improve the operational efficiency of the packaging business.

Case 3

A freight logistics company is looking to upgrade its warehouse with new systems and equipment to improve its operation in loading and unloading containers. This would allow the business to increase the speed in which products are organised and packed ready for export.

HOW WILL ROI SUBMISSIONS BE ASSESSED?

ROI submissions will be assessed in two stages.

- **Stage 1** – Eligibility Check to ensure submissions meet the Eligibility Criteria outlined in Sections 3 and 4 of the ROI guidelines
- **Stage 2** – An Evaluation Panel will assess eligible ROI submissions against seven Preliminary Assessment Criteria outlined in Section 5 of the ROI guidelines.

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE SUBMISSIONS ARE RECEIVED?

At the conclusion of the preliminary assessment, suitable projects will be invited to prepare and submit a more detailed proposal for consideration by the NSW Government.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ROI SUBMISSION

Respondents must complete and submit the online ROI Submission Form and any supporting documents through the NSW Government's eTenders website by 10am Wednesday 24 March 2021.

All information regarding the ROI and how to submit to the ROI are available at: tenders.nsw.gov.au

For any questions related to the ROI, please email: snowyhydrofund@regional.nsw.gov.au