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SECTION 1: ALIGNMENT						
RP Q#	REQUIREMENTS		QUESTIONS	SCORE	TOTAL	EXPLANATION
8B)	Evidence of the projects impact on regional development	Alignment to the SRP and BP of the NENWACC	How many strategies in the SRP does the project aim to address?		3	1 = 0-3 strategies 2 = 4-6 strategies 3 = ALL
			Are the requests for funding appropriate under the guidelines?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Is RP the most appropriate source of funding for the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
	Alignment to other regional strategic plans	Is the project supported by other regional development organisations?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0	
	Alignment to LGA community or economic plan	Is the project supported by the LGA Local Plan?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0	
	Does the project reflect best practice?				1	YES = 1 NO = 0
					10	TOTAL

SECTION 2: PROJECT AND APPLICANT VIABILITY						
RP Q#	REQUIREMENTS		QUESTIONS	SCORE	TOTAL	EXPLANATION
4, 6 & 7	Project and applicant viability	Rationale	Is the business case for the development of this project sound? (Review Business Plan document)		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Is the rationale for the project sound? (Does the project idea and methodology include a reasonable explanation of principles?)		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Does the project seem reasonable? (Is the project based on sound principles and reasonable in context of the region?)		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Are the project proponent's expectations realistic? (Are the future projections for the project realistic?)		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Are the expected outcomes consistent with the		1	YES = 1 NO = 0

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			rationale?			
		Project Viability	Is the project using established practices rather than trialling innovative or untried approaches?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Has the project applied and been rejected from any other funding source?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Is the project recognised as being successful?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Are the applicant's cash contributions based on unconfirmed cash borrowings? If no, provide evidence.		1	YES = 0 NO = 1
			Is the applicant established and well known in the community/region?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Have quotes been obtained and included? (<\$5,000 = 1 quote, \$5,001 - \$50,000 = 3 quotes, over \$50,001 call for open tender and include estimates.		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Will this project provide assistance to communities affected by the Namoi Valley WSP? If yes, demonstrate the current status of the industry; provide evidence of what the project will do for the community, socially, economically and environmentally.		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Has the project proponent completed any other publicly funded projects?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
4, 6 & 7	Project and applicant viability	Project Viability	Is the budget adequate for the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Does the budget balance?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Does the applicant possess or have access to skills to develop the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Is the project part of a larger and or established enterprise?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
		Sustainability	Will the project be sustainable after Government funding?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
		Competitive Neutrality	Does the project meet an unsatisfied need?	1	1	YES = 1 NO = 0

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			Will the project compete with an existing business locally or regionally?		1	YES = 0 NO = 1
					20	TOTAL

SECTION 3: OUTCOMES

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8D) & 9	Outcomes	Employment	Will the project create new direct jobs to be employed within the project in the region?		3	YES = 3 NO = 0
			Will the project create new indirect jobs in the community?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
			Will the project create new construction jobs?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
			Will the project create jobs for Indigenous people?		3	YES = 3 NO = 0
			If the project will create employment, does the request for funding under RP equal to \$50,000 per job?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
			Will these jobs have a positive impact on the community?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
		Economic Development	Will the project contribute to or impact on economic development locally?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Will the project contribute to or impact on regional economic development?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Will the project support existing industry and employment?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Is the project capitalising on local or regional strengths?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
			Are there any significant flow-on effects to developing this industry?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Does the project encourage diversification or value-adding in the industry?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
			Are local business groups involved or supportive of the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0

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			Will the project increase local private and public <u>investment</u> ? (Will the project involve direct investment in the community or the region in or aligned with this project?)		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Will the project increase local private and public <u>infrastructure</u> ? (Will the project involve direct investment in infrastructure the community or the region in or aligned with this project?)		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
8D) & 9	Outcomes	Social/Community Considerations	Are there any social circumstances of the community particular to the project? (i.e. specific business challenges, drought, isolation, welfare dependence etc)		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
			Will the project increase social participation or opportunities in the community?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
			Does the community support the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Has the community been consulted during or about the development of the project?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
			Is the project needed in the community?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Will the project deliver additional services to the community that are needed or not currently being provided?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Are there flow-on affects to the community by providing this service?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Will the local community benefit from the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Will the NENW region benefit from the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
			Will the project increase the capacity of the community to develop and manage opportunities and change?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
		Planning		Will the project enhance planning and the capacity to conduct planning locally?		1

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			Will the project enhance the opportunities to plan regionally?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0		
			Are their unintended beneficiaries?		1	YES = 0 NO = 1		
			Is RP a minor partner in the application?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0		
		Environmental Considerations		Will the project impact on the environment positively?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0	
				Will the project impact positively on water issues?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0	
				Does the project have positive impacts for energy savings and or in any other areas?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0	
		8D) & 9	Outcomes	Education and Training	Will the project contribute to an identified skill shortage in the region?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
					Does the project involve developing a pathway for training to employment?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
				Are the outcomes achievable and realistic?			1	YES = 1 NO = 0
Will the project outputs deliver against the expected outcomes?					1	YES = 1 NO = 0		
Are the measures of outcomes appropriate?					1	YES = 1 NO = 0		
					50	TOTAL		

SECTION 4: PARTNERSHIPS					
RP Q#	REQUIREMENTS	QUESTIONS	SCORE	TOTAL	EXPLANATION
3	Partnerships	Is the community contributing cash to the project?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
		Is the community providing a genuine in-kind contribution to the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
		Is private enterprise contributing cash or in-kind to the project?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
		Is the LGA providing cash to the project?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
		Is the State Government providing cash to the project?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
		Is another Australian Government agency contributing to the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
		Do the partnerships adequately reflect the partners' commitment to the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
		Is the funding request from RP, for a not for profit project between 50-75% of the total project cost?		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
		Is the funding request from RP, for a for profit project less than 25% of the		2	YES = 2 NO = 0

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	total project cost?			
	Has the project obtained support form State and Federal parliamentarians?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
	Do the partnerships maximise the outcomes for each contribution and minimise the risk of project failure if the partners withdraw?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
	Are those that will benefit from the project contributing to the project?		1	YES = 1 NO = 0
	Does the contribution by the proponent reflect the importance/opportunities for the project? (At least 3:1 for PE and 2:1 for not-for-profit)		2	YES = 2 NO = 0
			20	TOTAL

80 - 100	Recommended with a Priority of 4
61 - 79	If the project cannot be improved; Recommended with a Priority of 3
41 - 60	Project is considered to be incomplete and need more work; Recommended with a Priority of 2
0 - 40	Project is considered to be incomplete and need more work; Recommended with a Priority of 1

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