

Government Response to Wind Auction II Review Recommendations

#	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Government response</i>
1	Maintain regular dialogue between the Secretariat and relevant stakeholders.	Agreed. The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate has established regular communication with ActewAGL Distribution and will continue regular dialogue with successful proponents as well as other key stakeholders.
2	Promote the level of community engagement expected by the Territory, include community engagement pro-forma in future auctions.	Agreed in part. The Government has led the development of improved community engagement practices across the wind industry nationally and supports publicising more examples of best practice. With regard to providing community engagement pro-formas in future auctions, to encourage innovation, the Government will consider this while seeking to retain flexibility in the way that proponents respond to the community engagement evaluation criterion.
3	Improve the efficiency of the evaluation process.	Agreed. The Government has made changes in relation to the Next Generation Renewables Auction to minimise overlap in the scope of work of technical and financial due-diligence consultants.
4	Review feedback process to proponents.	Agreed . The Government will review opportunities to increase the level of feedback provided to unsuccessful proponents to ensure that more useful information is provided.
5	Provide more detail on metering and grid connections in ActewAGL Distribution's Settlement Procedure document.	Agreed. Increased availability of grid connection and market settlement procedure information is supported by the Government. ActewAGL Distribution has released guidelines on large-scale feed-in tariff settlement procedures. The Government will work with all stakeholders to ensure that the settlement operation is transparent and effective.
6	Share the responsibility for monitoring EV3 initiatives across multiple directorates.	Agreed in part. The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate will remain responsible for EV3 monitoring and compliance. This will be carried out in consultation with the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development and Education Directorates.
7	Minimise the time period between the submission date and the announcement of winners to limit foreign exchange risk.	Agreed. The Government supports firm timeframes for auction evaluation and negotiation. It aims to negotiate and execute Deeds of Feed-in Tariff Entitlement as efficiently as possible.
8	Continue the discussion with financiers to minimise any further bankability risks.	Agreed. The Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate promotes regular communication with financiers and financial consultants through formal auction question and answer processes.