High level research vision (maximum 10 pages)

Considering the program's objectives, Hub scope and anticipated deliverables provided in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines, describe and justify where you would focus research efforts to get us the highest environmental impact. Consideration should be given to:

- an appropriate mix of long-term research projects to build end-users understanding and capacity to solve complex problems, environmental monitoring activities, synthesis of existing knowledge and short-term projects that address specific needs
- leveraging existing research where relevant
- where behavioral, social and economic insights may be relevant
- where other end-user (other government agencies and levels of government, Indigenous Australians, NGOs, industry etc.) connections are likely to be relevant
- how this could form a cohesive body of research with connections between projects and across hubs, particularly for the cross-cutting missions
- the resources needed (people, time, access to major equipment, NESP 2 funding etc.) and what capabilities and resources the hub can provide.

Applicants are advised that their response to the above will be used in the grant assessment process as evidence of the consortium's ability to plan and deliver a strategic, high impact, collaborative and cohesive program of research. The information they provide here is <u>not</u> necessarily an indication of the research they will be delivering should their submission be successful. Successful applicants will develop their first Research Plan in collaboration with the department and update their Plan with additional projects on an ongoing basis.

Indicative budget information

Provide an indicative budget for the research vision as described above.

Applicants should have regard to the indicative funding levels for each hub which can be found in section 3 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines when formulating their response. If the total budget amount differs from the total amount you have requested in the breakdown of proposed grant funding section of the application form, please provide a brief explanation. See the questions and answers document for further information.

Research activities are expected to commence from January 2021 and must cease by 31 December 2026. See section 3 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for further details.

The cost of each budget item must be provided exclusive of GST.

| | | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | Total |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Administration | NESP funding | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cash | | | | | | | | | |
| | contributions | | | | | | | | | |
| | In-kind support | | | | | | | | | |
| Communication | NESP funding | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cash contributions | | | | | | | | | |
| | In-kind support | | | | | | | | | |
| Knowledge Capture | NESP funding | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cash contributions | | | | | | | | | |
| | In-kind support | | | | | | | | | |
| Research Activity One | NESP funding | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cash contributions | | | | | | | | | |
| | In-kind support | | | | | | | | | |
| Research Activity Two etc. | NESP funding | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cash contributions | | | | | | | | | |
| | In-kind support | | | | | | | | | |
| Total (excluding GST) | | | | | | | | | | |