



Electricity generation licence application form

Purpose of this form

This form must be completed by persons applying to the Essential Services Commission (the commission) for a licence to authorise electricity generation in Victoria. Electricity generation includes battery energy storage systems.

Basis for this form

Section 18 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* (the Industry Act) provides that a licence application must be made in a form approved by the commission. This is the form approved by the commission.

Use of this form and the applicant's responsibilities

A licence application may be made by any legal person including, without limitation, individuals, incorporated associations, unit and other forms of trusts and corporations. Entities that are not a legal person (for example, an unincorporated joint venture or a partnership) cannot apply for a licence.

For the purpose of this application form, reference to the term "Officer" includes the applicant's directors and secretary, and other persons who make or participate in making decisions that affect a substantial part of the business (for example, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer or General Manager).

The applicant should list the information requested in the spaces provided in this form and enclose additional information when required.

The applicant must take all reasonable steps to ensure the information provided in the application form is complete, true and correct.

An officer of the applicant is required to make a declaration to this effect in the application form. Failure to disclose information or misrepresent any matter relevant to such information may result in a licence not being issued or in the revocation of a licence later.

It is a criminal offence under section 61A of the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* to provide the commission with false or misleading information or documentation.

The applicant is responsible for providing the commission with current, accurate and relevant documentation. It is the applicant's responsibility to make all reasonable inquiries to obtain the information requested by this form.

Providing accurate and relevant information and a complete application (answering all questions and providing all information) will assist in timely processing of an application. All applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. If insufficient information is provided with an application, we will contact the applicant about the requirement for additional information to be submitted before the application is considered further.

Prior reading

It is expected that the applicant has read our [Guideline: Applications for electricity and gas industry licences](#) before completing this form.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure its compliance with legal obligations when applying for a licence.

Licence conditions

Section 20 of the Industry Act authorises the commission to issue licences subject to conditions as decided by the commission. Licences are published on our [website](#). We recommend the applicant familiarise itself with the relevant standard conditions and be confident that it can comply with those conditions prior to applying for a licence.

Further information

The applicant should note that we may ask for further information, or to clarify the information that the applicant has already provided with the application.

Consultation and confidentiality

We will consult with relevant government, industry and consumer groups on the licence application through a public consultation process. Applications and/or supporting information that is not confidential will be made available on our website.

If the applicant believes that any information provided as part of its application is confidential or commercially sensitive, it is the applicant's responsibility to clearly identify this information on those documents. The applicant should also provide a 'non-confidential' version of the application form and documents for publication on our website.

How to lodge an application

The applicant may send the completed application form electronically (preferred) or in hard copy to:

Electronically: licences@esc.vic.gov.au

Hard copy: Market Operations, Energy Division
Essential Services Commission
Level 8, 570 Bourke Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Large files

Applicants generally need to send us large files which is often not suitable via email. Please contact us at licences@esc.vic.gov.au to discuss alternative options to provide an application to the commission.

Application fees and annual licence fees

The commission has the authority to set a licence application fee. Currently, there is no application fee.

Holding a licence incurs annual licence fees. Refer to the commission's [Guideline: Applications for electricity and gas industry licences](#) for more information regarding annual licence fees.

1. General Information – The Applicant

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

1.1 Legal name of applicant

State the full legal name of the applicant. The applicant is the person who will be generating electricity and/or selling (wholesale) electricity that will be the subject of the licence.

Name: Golden Plains BESS Pty Ltd as trustee for the Golden Plains BESS Unit Trust

1.2 Legal identity of applicant

Provide the applicant’s ABN and ACN (where relevant) and information about the applicant (for example, whether the applicant is a private limited company, trust, or joint venture).

ABN: 96 285 304 088

ACN: 650 589 656

Type of entity: Trust

1.3 Contact details and address of the applicant

The applicant	
Business address: Level 1, 7 Raglan Street, Manly	
State: NSW	Postcode: 2095
Postal address (if different):	
State:	Postcode:
Full name of contact person: Thomas Darker	
Position title:	[REDACTED]
Telephone:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]

1.4 Diagram of corporate and organisational structure

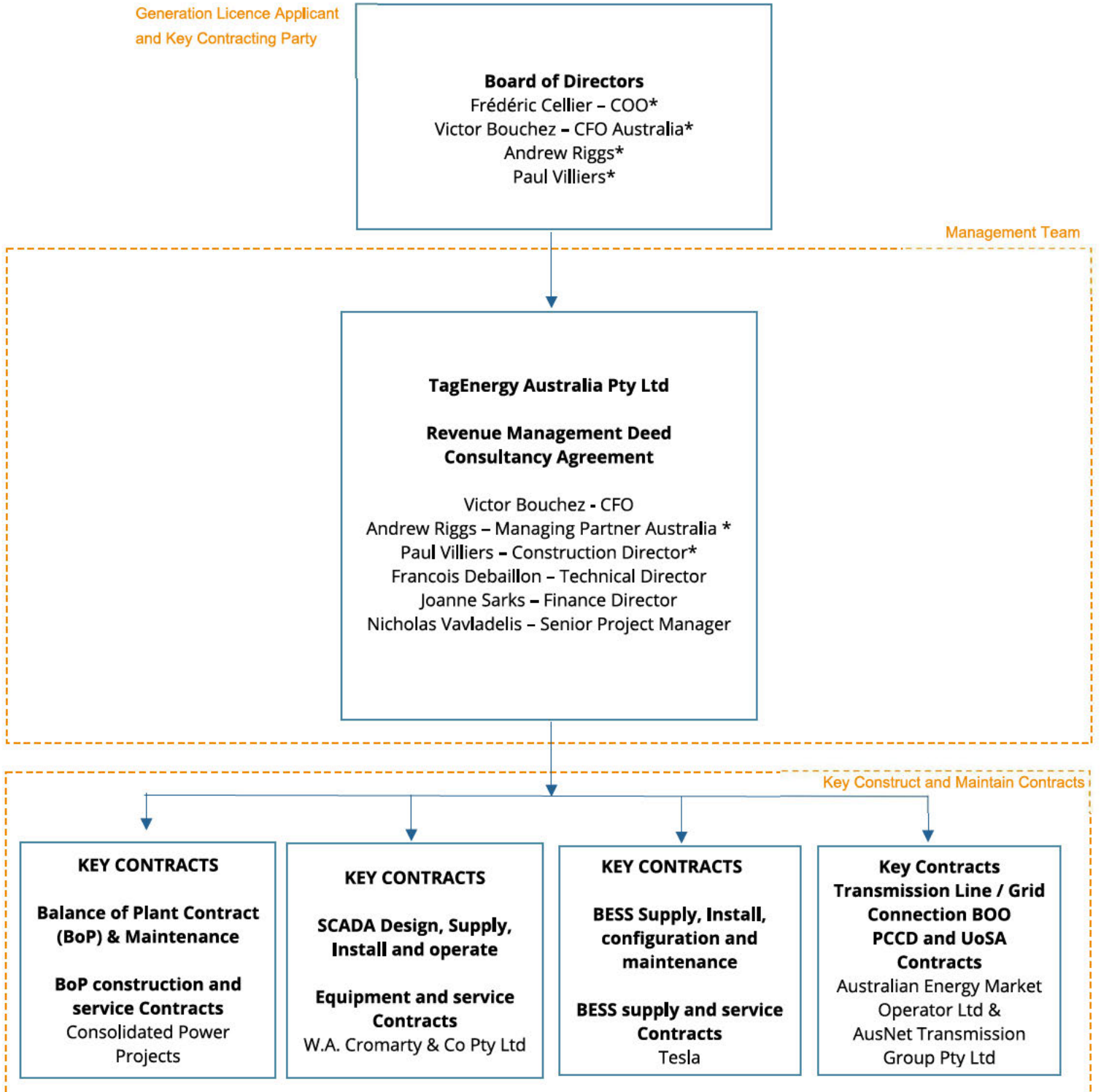
Attach a diagram illustrating the corporate structure, including details of any related companies within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the organisational chart. Provide a diagram of the:

- a) corporate structure (including any parent and related companies within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*), and

Attachment reference: Appendix B - Commercial In Confidence - Corporate Structure

b) organisational chart (including composition of the board, management, and other key personnel responsible for the key functions).

Attachment reference: Appendix B - Commercial In Confidence - Key Personnel



1.5 The licence

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

If the applicant is seeking for a licence to be issued by a certain date, identify this date. **Note: we do not undertake to issue the licence by this date.** The applicant should usually allow a minimum of eight to 10 weeks **once we consider the application to be complete.** An application is considered complete once we have all the information needed for the commission to make a decision. In other words, when we have no need to request further information from the applicant. This includes a public consultation period of four weeks (generally) as part of our consideration of licence applications.

Provide details on the following:

Date from which license is sought: **8th July 2026**

Type of generation: **Electricity Generation Licence**

Expected name plate capacity: **150MW/600MWh**

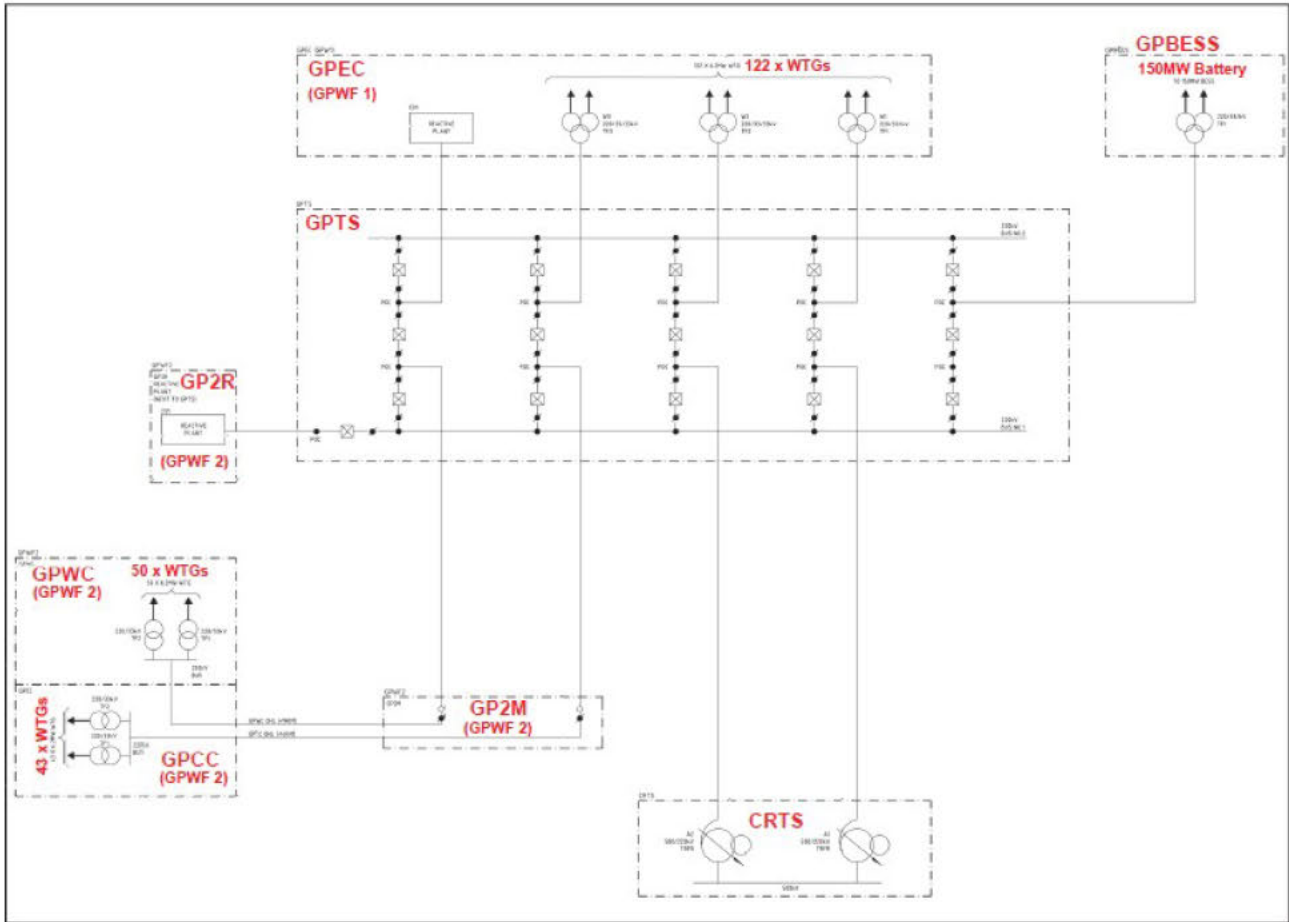
Location of generation facility: **Bells Road, Rokewood VIC 3330**

Details of how the generator will be connected to the network:

The Golden Plains BESS (GPBESS) will be connected to the AusNet transmission network at the Golden Plains Terminal Station (GPTS) via a new 220kV connection interface. The connection is established at the defined construction interface point (CIP) within GPTS, with new to be constructed overhead line infrastructure connecting the BESS and the Point of connection to the network.

The GPBESS facility comprises a 220/33kV substation including 220/33kV transformers supplying the 33kV BESS network, 220kV switchyard infrastructure and associated electrical equipment. The BESS system includes Tesla Megapack units, inverters, step-up transformers and supporting auxiliary systems.

From GPTS, electrical energy is transferred via the existing 220kV double-circuit transmission lines to the Cressy Terminal Station (CRTS), where it connects into the broader 500kV Victorian transmission network.



BESS Layout and connectivity with the broader 220/33kV Network

2. Technical capacity

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

2.1 Experience and knowledge of the industry

Provide information about the human resources available to the applicant. This includes:

- a) The experience and qualifications of those employees outlined in the organisational chart (see 1.4b);

GPBESS is managed by the directors appointed by TagEnergy and through the experienced teams at the TagEnergy organisation via management services agreements as outlined in following sections.

Attachment reference: GPBESS_Commercial In Confidence _Key Personal Exp

- b) If the applicant will employ contractors or agents to assist with the licensed activities, the name of those contractors or agents, details about the experience of the contractors or agents in such operations and details of the processes in place to ensure the contractors or agents comply with the licence conditions, including relevant regulatory obligations:

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GPBESS has an Asset Management Deed in place with Tag Energy for management of key contractors and to ensure compliance with the various regulatory obligations associated with the Generation Licence. An agreement is in place with Tag Energy Australia Pty Ltd for the ongoing provision of the revenue management aspects of the project (refer d-ii below for further scope details). CPP, Tesla & Cromarty in their capacity as experienced construction and operational partners will ensure the BESS is safely run in compliance with all applicable statutory, HES and legal requirements.

TagEnergy

TagEnergy is a clean energy enterprise operated by a highly-experienced team of manager-shareholders. Its operations span the renewables value chain, from development, financing, construction and asset management of wind, solar and storage projects, to commercialisation of its competitive energy. TagEnergy has developed a portfolio of more than 6GW in the UK, Australia, Spain, Portugal and France, and is part of the TagHolding group — a joint venture controlled by the Impala SAS Group, Exor N.V., and TagTeam Holding, the holding company for TagEnergy's manager-shareholders.

Veyrat and Impala have a strong history of entrepreneurial success, creating and growing major players in renewable energy and telecommunications, including Cegetel, Direct Energie and Neoen. Other significant investors in TagEnergy include Mirova and Omnes. Mirova is a French leading sustainable asset manager and affiliate of Natixis Investment Managers. Mirova has close to €28 billion in assets under management, with approximately €2 billion invested in the energy transition infrastructure sector through five funds. Omnes is a leading private equity and infrastructure investor with over €5 billion of assets under management, including over €3 billion purely in renewable energy investments.

Tag Energy has successfully delivered Golden Plains Wind Farm – East, which commenced operations in late 2024 and has since become Australia's largest operating wind farm. Tag Energy is currently delivering Golden Plains Wind Farm – West, which is under active construction and expected to reach commercial operations in Q1 2027.

Agreement	Between Parties	Executed Date
Management Services Deed	Golden Plains BESS Pty Ltd as Principal and TagEnergy Australia Pty Ltd as Supplier.	27 November 2025
BoP Contract (Balance of Plant)	Golden Plains BESS Pty Ltd ACN 650 589 656 as trustee for the Golden Plains BESS Unit Trust ABN 96 285 304 088 and Consolidated Power Projects Australia Pty Ltd ABN 18 075 411 219	17 October 2025

BoP Contract (Maintenance)	Golden Plains BESS Pty Ltd ACN 650 589 656 as trustee for the Golden Plains BESS Unit Trust ABN 96 285 304 088 and Consolidated Power Projects Australia Pty Ltd ABN 18 075 411 219	17 October 2025
SPA (System Sale and Purchase Agreement)	Golden Plains BESS Pty Ltd ACN 650 589 656 as trustee for the Golden Plains BESS Unit Trust ABN 96 285 304 088 and Tesla Motors Australia, Pty Ltd (ABN 68 142 889 816)	17 November 2025
LTSA (Long Term Services Agreement)	Golden Plains BESS Pty Ltd ACN 650 589 656 as trustee for the Golden Plains BESS Unit Trust ABN 96 285 304 088 and Tesla Motors Australia, Pty Ltd (ABN 68 142 889 816)	17 November 2025
Use of System Agreement for Victorian Transmission Network Services for	Australian Energy Market Operator Ltd (AEMO) and Golden Plains BESS Pty Ltd ACN 650 589 656 as trustee for the Golden Plains BESS Unit Trust ABN 96 285 304 088	02-Dec-2025
PCCD	VicGrid Body Corporate ABN 56 367 315 313 and Golden Plains WF1 Pty Ltd (as trustee for the Golden Plains WF1 Unit Trust) and Golden Plains WF2 Pty Ltd (as trustee for the Golden Plains WF2 Unit Trust) and Golden Plains BESS Pty Ltd ACN 650 589 656 (as trustee for the Golden Plains BESS Unit Trust) ABN 96 285 304 088 and AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd ABN 78 079 798 173	02-Dec-2025
NSA	Held between Australian Energy Market Operator Ltd (AEMO) and AusNet Transmission Group Pty Ltd.	-

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Where the applicant is relying on a third party to provide staff and/or resources to meet the technical capacity requirements of the generation and wholesale licence, provide:

- c) the experience and qualifications of any relevant key employees who will manage those systems and processes;
- d) if the applicant will engage third parties to assist with the licensed activities, provide the following information in relation to each third party:
 - (i) the name of that third party
 - (ii) the scope of activities undertaken by the third party
 - (iii) details and copies of any agreements for the provision of services

- (iv) details about the experience of the third party in relation to the activities that it will be undertaking, including any accreditations
- (v) details of the processes in place to ensure the third party complies with the licensee’s regulatory obligations.

TagEnergy Australia PTY LTD – TagEnergy are delivering asset management services for GPBESS and execute Revenue Management Functions for the applicant. Refer to **Appendix A - Commercial In Confidence - Key Contracts**, for a copy of the Management services and Revenue Management Agreement. Refer to **Appendix B - GPBESS_Commercial In Confidence _Key Personal Exp**, for a breakdown of key personnel within TagEnergy, and their experience.

Consolidated Power Project (CPP) PTY LTD – CPP have been engaged by the applicant, to provide EBoP Engineering, Procurement and Construction services for the Golden Plains BESS, under a BoP contract. CPP are also contracted by the Applicant under an MSA (Maintenance Services Agreement) to operate and maintain the BoP plant and equipment during operations. **Appendix A - Commercial In Confidence - Key Contracts**, for a copy of the BoP and MSA agreements which contracts CPP services to the Applicant.

Tesla Motors Australia, Pty Ltd – Tesla have been engaged by the applicant, to supply, deliver and install BESS Megapacks for the Golden Plains BESS, under a SPA contract. Tesla are also contracted by the Applicant under an LTSA (Long Term Service Agreement) to operate and maintain the BESS equipment during operations. **Appendix A - Commercial In Confidence - Key Contracts**, for a copy of the SPA and LTSA agreements which contracts Tesla services to the Applicant.

AusNet Transmission Group PTY LTD – AusNet have been engaged by the Applicant to provide transmission line and grid connection services for the Golden Plains BESS, under a PCCD (Project Construction and Co-ordination Deed). Refer to **Appendix A - Commercial In Confidence - Key Contracts**, for a copy of the PCCD which contracts AusNet’s services to the Applicant.

Attachment reference: Appendix A - Commercial In Confidence - Key Contracts & Appendix B - Commercial In Confidence - Key Personnel

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2.2 Risk management

- a) Provide confirmation and evidence that the applicant has identified the risks associated with electricity generation and wholesale operations. Additionally, provide evidence that the applicant has established, utilised and relied upon risk management systems and processes which are adequate, accurate and current to address those risks.
- b) Provide a copy of the applicant’s risk management strategy. A statement should also be provided (or supporting document must make it clear) whether the strategy has been developed in line with any Australian or International Standard (for example, ISO 31000:2018).
- c) Provide a copy of a risk register that identifies risks, controls and mitigations.

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GPBESS has a robust risk management strategy in place in accordance with industry standards. Monthly review of project risks is carried out with senior members of the management teams from TagEnergy. The risk register and risk policy / strategy documents have been attached.

Attachment reference: Refer to commercial in confidence Appendix D for Risk Documentation

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2.3 Registration with the Australian Energy Market Operator and generator performance standards

Advise if the applicant will apply to register with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO). If so, provide evidence of registration or exemption, or intending registration or exemption (for example, correspondence between the applicant and AEMO). If the applicant is not registering with AEMO, describe why that is the case.

Provide confirmation from AEMO that proposed negotiated generator performance standards will meet requirements for power system security and reliability under the National Electricity Rules.

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GPBESS has an approved Generator Performance Standard (GPS), and AEMO onboarding and connection processes have progressed to completion of the assessment of proposed access standards in accordance with clause 5.3.4A of the National Electricity Rules. Supporting documentation, including evidence of the original registration intent, is attached for reference. GPBESS is also classified as a committed generator, as evidenced in the attached material.

Attachment reference: Appendix E - Commercial In Confidence - GPS and 534A Letter

2.4 Licences held in other jurisdictions

If the applicant holds, or has previously held, electricity and/or gas licences or authorisations in other jurisdictions provide details. If a licence or authorisation previously held has been suspended or cancelled, provide details.

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GPBESS confirms it does not hold any current Generation Licences. Further, GPBESS confirms it has not or is not in the process of applying for any other licences in other jurisdictions.

2.5 Previous unsuccessful licence applications in other jurisdictions

Confirm whether the applicant has applied for an electricity or gas licence in another jurisdiction and not been issued with a licence or authorisation, provide details.

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GPBESS confirms that it has not applied for and been refused, any electricity or gas licence or authorisation in any other jurisdiction.

2.6 Licences held by associates of the applicant

If an associate (within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*) holds an electricity or gas licence in Victoria or in other Australian jurisdiction, provide details.

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GPBESS confirms that Golden Plains Wind Farm Stage 1 Pty Ltd and Golden Plains Wind Farm Stage 2 Pty Ltd are associates (within the meaning of the *Corporations Act 2001*). These entities hold electricity generation licences issued by the Essential Services Commission in Victoria, granted on 29 February 2024 and 19 May 2025 respectively.

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2.7 Compliance management

- a) Provide evidence of compliance management which demonstrates how the compliance systems the applicant has (or will have) in place will ensure compliance with all the relevant regulatory obligations required by an electricity generation licence.
 - b) Provide a copy of the applicant's compliance management strategy. A statement should also be provided (or supporting document must make it clear) whether the strategy has been developed in line with any Australian or International Standard (for example, AS ISO 19600:2015).
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TagEnergy and asset managers of Golden Plains BESS Pty Ltd are contracted to ensure that resources and processes are in place to comply with regulatory obligations. CPP and Tesla as the appointed EBoP and BESS contractors share in some of the key obligations under both the BoP, SPA, MSA and LTSA Contracts that are place.

Attachment reference: Refer to commercial in confidence Appendix C for GPBESS Compliance Register and Policy Document.

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2.8 Material agreements

Provide copies of agreements entered into, or intended to be entered into, by the applicant that are material to the undertaking of the electricity generation activity. Agreements that are material to the undertaking of the electricity generation activity may include:

- a) Connection agreements, such as a Generator Connection Agreement and Generator Project Agreement with a generation facility.

- b) Any contract concerning the construction and delivery of the project (sometimes commonly referred to as a Project Construction and Coordination Deed (PCCD) or Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement).
- c) Any Network Services Agreements.
- d) Any contracts concerning the managerial aspects of the activity (sometimes commonly referred to as a Management Services Agreement or Asset Management Agreement).
- e) Any contract concerning the ongoing operations and maintenance of the transmission assets (sometimes commonly referred to as an Operations and Maintenance Agreement).
- f) Any contract concerning the sale of electricity from the generator under a Power Purchase Agreement.

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Attachment reference: Refer to commercial in confidence Appendix A - Commercial In Confidence - Key Contracts

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2.9 Engagement with Energy Safe Victoria

Provide details about the applicant’s engagement with Energy Safe Victoria and any copies of correspondence regarding the proposed electricity generation facility.

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- To ensure compliance with ESV requirements, GPBESS (Via CPP) will engage the services of Victorian Electrical Inspections Pty Ltd to provide inspection and certification of the Substation (primary and secondary systems including earthing), Medium Voltage feeder groups (including earthing), and all 158 Tesla Megapack 2XL battery energy storage systems and associate electrical infrastructure. Inspection and certification will be carried out under the Victorian Electricity Safety (General) Regulations 2019, and Victorian Electricity Safety Act 1998. In addition, evidence is provided to demonstrate that GPBESS has directly engaged with ESV, of which, has no objections to the development of the BESS facility.

Attachment reference: Refer to commercial in confidence Appendix F - ESV Engagement

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2.10 Additional information

Provide any additional information the applicant considers relevant to the commission’s assessment of the applicant’s technical capacity.

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No further Information required

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3. Financial viability

3.1 Financial resources

The applicant must provide a statement that will be made available to the public during the consultation period that the applicant has the financial resources to commence and sustainably perform the relevant licensable activities.

Provide a statement to confirm that:

- c) the applicant is financially viable and has the financial resources to sustainably operate the electricity generation facilities, and
- a) the applicant will be a registered market participant with the Australian Energy Market Operator for its electricity generation activities, therefore subject to the prudential requirements under the National Electricity Rules.

The commission reserves the right to conduct a financial viability assessment and require the applicant to produce information and documents it considers appropriate to complete such an assessment.

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The construction of the Golden Plains Battery Energy Storage System (GPBESS) is being financed through a combination of debt and equity under a structured project finance arrangement. Financial close was achieved in December 2025, with funding provided by a syndicate of domestic and international lenders alongside equity contributions from TagEnergy and its investors.

The debt financing has been arranged under a Syndicated Facility Agreement, supported by security arrangements and project finance documentation. These agreements govern the terms of financing, utilisation conditions, and ongoing compliance and reporting obligations. As part of the financial close requirements, all material project documents, including construction contracts, offtake agreements and key project approvals, were executed and conditions precedent satisfied.

Equity contributions have been injected into the project in accordance with the agreed financial model and funding structure, with equity funding committed alongside senior debt to support the full construction and delivery of the GPBESS facility.

The GPBESS will generate revenue through participation in the National Electricity Market, including energy arbitrage and the provision of ancillary services such as Frequency Control Ancillary Services (FCAS). In addition, the project has entered into a long-term Virtual Tolling Agreement with Snowy Hydro Limited, executed on 31 October 2025, which provides contracted

revenue support for a significant portion of the system's capacity and underpins the project's financing structure.

The applicant will be registered as a market participant with the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and will be subject to the prudential and operational requirements under the National Electricity Rules.

TagEnergy is an international clean energy company established in 2019, with capabilities spanning development, financing, construction and operation of renewable energy and storage assets. The group operates across the full project lifecycle and is supported by a highly experienced management team with expertise in large-scale energy infrastructure delivery.

The applicant is financially viable and has secured sufficient funding and financial resources to construct, operate and maintain the GPBESS facility on a sustainable basis.

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4. Fit and proper person

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

In deciding whether to grant or refuse a licence application, the commission will consider whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence in Victoria.

The concept of a 'fit and proper person' is established by common law and takes its meaning from its context, from the activities in which the person is or will be engaged, and the ends to be served by those activities.

In considering whether an applicant is a fit and proper person, we will have regard to the applicant's honesty, integrity and reputation. These are relevant factors as they can inform an assessment of the likelihood of future conduct.

We will also consider the conduct of directors, office holders or any person with significant managerial duties or influence. We will also consider the conduct of related bodies corporate or entities that can exert control over the applicant.

- a) Have any directors of the applicant, directors of any entity that can exert control over the applicant, or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant:
- (i) been declared bankrupt,
 - (ii) had their affairs placed under administration,
 - (iii) been disqualified from managing a company,
 - (iv) been subject to debt judgements, or
- b) insolvency proceedings (including any administration, liquidation or receivership in connection with the affairs of a company)?

If yes, provide details:

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Neither the applicant, nor any of its directors, officers, or persons with significant managerial responsibility or influence over the applicant, have been declared bankrupt, had their affairs placed under administration, been disqualified from managing a company, been subject to any debt judgments, or been involved in any insolvency proceedings (including administration, liquidation or receivership in connection with the affairs of a company).
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c) Has the applicant, any directors of the applicant, directors of any entity that can exert control over the applicant or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant been prosecuted for any offences or had any enforcement action taken under any state, territory, Commonwealth or foreign legislation (including, but not limited to, the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, *Corporations Act 2001*, or the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*)?

If yes, provide details:

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The applicant confirms that neither it, nor any of its directors, officers or persons with significant managerial responsibility or influence over the applicant, have been prosecuted for any offences or been subject to any enforcement action under any state, territory, Commonwealth or foreign legislation (including, but not limited to, the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, *Corporations Act 2001* or the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*).

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d) Has the applicant, any directors of the applicant, any related body corporate, or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant been involved in any material breaches of obligations regulated by the commission or any other regulator?

If yes, provide details:

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The applicant confirms that neither it, nor any of its directors, related bodies corporate, or persons with significant managerial responsibility or influence over the applicant, have been involved in any material breaches of obligations regulated by the Essential Services Commission or any other regulatory authority.

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e) Has the applicant, any directors of the applicant, any related body corporate, or any person with significant managerial responsibility been under investigation in relation to its regulatory obligations or is currently bound by an enforceable undertaking?

If yes, provide details:

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The applicant confirms that neither it, nor any of its directors, related bodies corporate, or persons with significant managerial responsibility or influence over the applicant, have been subject to any investigation in relation to regulatory obligations or are currently bound by any enforceable undertaking.

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f) Has the applicant, any related body corporate or any person with significant managerial responsibility or influence on the applicant, been refused a licence or authorisation, or had restricted, suspended or revoked any such licence or authorisation (in any jurisdiction)?

If yes, provide details:

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The applicant confirms that neither it, nor any related body corporate or persons with significant managerial responsibility or influence over the applicant, have been refused a licence or authorisation, or had any licence or authorisation restricted, suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction.

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g) Provide any other information the applicant considers relevant to the commission's fit and proper person assessment.

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No further information required

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Additional information

Answer the following questions and, where the answer to any question is "no" (except for question b)), provide further detail.

a) Is the applicant a resident of, or does it have permanent establishment in, Australia?

The applicant is a resident/has permanent establishment in Australia

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b) Is the applicant under external administration (as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001*) or under a similar form of administration under any laws applicable to it in any jurisdiction?

The applicant is not under external administration

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c) Is the applicant immune from suit in respect of the obligations under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*?

The Applicant is not immune from suit in respect of the obligations under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*.

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d) Is the applicant capable of being sued in its own name in a court of Australia?

The Applicant is capable of being sued in its own name in a court of Australia.

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5. Commission objectives

The applicant must answer all questions in this section.

In deciding whether to grant or refuse an electricity generation licence application, the commission must consider its objectives under the *Electricity Industry Act 2000* and the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* (ESC Act).

Our primary objective under the ESC Act, when performing our functions and exercising our powers, is to promote the long-term interests of Victorian consumers. In seeking to achieve this objective, we must have regard to the price, quality, and reliability of essential services and the matters set out in section 8A to the extent they are relevant.

In seeking to achieve the objectives specified in section 8, the commission must have regard to the matters to the extent that they are relevant in any particular case.

Provide any information the applicant considers relevant to the commission's consideration of its objectives outlined in:

- Section 8 of the ESC Act (also see section 8A of the ESC Act); and
- Section 10 of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000*.

The Essential Services Commission Act 2001

The *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* (Vic) (the Act), section 8, establishes the Commission's objective to promote the long-term interests of Victorian consumers, having regard to the price, quality and reliability of essential services.

The applicant considers that granting a licence to the Golden Plains Battery Energy Storage System (GPBESS) is consistent with this objective. GPBESS is a financially viable project supported by an experienced sponsor with a strong track record in developing, financing and operating large-scale energy infrastructure. The project has secured funding, achieved financial close and is currently under construction, with established contractual and operational arrangements to support its long-term performance.

As a battery energy storage system, GPBESS will enhance the reliability and flexibility of the Victorian electricity system by providing dispatchable capacity, enabling energy shifting, and delivering system support services such as Frequency Control Ancillary Services. This capability supports more efficient market outcomes and contributes to improved reliability and price stability for consumers.

The project will participate in the National Electricity Market in accordance with the National Electricity Rules and under AEMO oversight. In doing so, it will contribute to competition by increasing the availability of flexible capacity and supporting the integration of renewable generation within the system.

The applicant is committed to complying with all applicable health, safety, environmental and regulatory requirements. The construction and operation of GPBESS will be undertaken in accordance with all relevant legislation and industry standards.

The applicant considers that the project is consistent with the objectives of the *Electricity Industry Act 2000 (Vic)*, including promoting efficient, reliable and safe electricity supply and supporting the development of a competitive electricity industry for the benefit of consumers.

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6. Statutory declaration

All the information provided in this application and attached documents for an electricity generation licence must be true and correct and must be verified by a statutory declaration. This statutory declaration must be made by the applicant (where the applicant is an individual) or a director of the applicant (where the applicant is a corporation) and must be made in accordance with the requirements of the *Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018*.

An example statutory declaration form can be found [here](#). Information for authorised witnesses can be found [here](#).

The statutory declaration must address the following:

- a) identification of the declarant’s position and/or role with the applicant
- b) that the declarant believes the information provided in the application to be true and correct
- c) that the declarant believes the applicant has the financial resources to commence and operate the activities the subject of the licence.

I [name]: **Paul Villiers, in my capacity as director of GPBESS**

of [address]: 

make the following statutory declaration under the *Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018* (Victoria):

- a) That I am the director of **Golden Plains BESS Pty Ltd as trustee for the Golden Plains BESS Unit Trust**
- b) The information provided in this application (including any attachments) to the Essential Services Commission for an electricity generation licence is true and correct

and I make this declaration conscientiously believing these matters to be true and knowing that making a statutory declaration that I know to be untrue is an offence.

I make it knowing that making a statutory declaration that I know to be untrue is an offence.

Date: 07-Apr-2026

Signature: 

(signature of person making this statutory declaration in the presence of the authorised statutory declaration witness)

Declared at:  on 07-Apr-2026

Witness

I am an authorised statutory declaration witness and I sign this document in the presence of the person making the declaration:

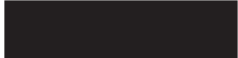


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[signature of authorised statutory declaration witness]

on [date] 09-Apr-2026

Witness: Rene Gutasukas, Chartered Engineer



Position: Chartered Engineer

A person authorised under section 30(2) of the ***Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018*** to witness the signing of a statutory declaration.