



Australian Government

**Department of Broadband,
Communications and the Digital Economy**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. DCON/08/18

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO ROLL-OUT AND OPERATE A NATIONAL
BROADBAND NETWORK FOR AUSTRALIA**

CLARIFICATION NUMBER 7

QUESTION: *If a Proponent submits its bond and confidentiality deed, does not breach Proponents' obligations but chooses to not submit a proposal, would they be refunded their bond at the time the Commonwealth is notified the Proponent will not continue in the RFP process?*

ANSWER: No. Clause 8.1.3 of the RFP states:

"Subject to clause 8.1.2, the bond (to the extent not drawn in accordance with its terms) will be returned to a Proponent upon contract execution with the successful Proponent or in the event that the Commonwealth terminates the RFP process in accordance with clause 5.3.1."