



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 1

QUESTION: In 'Schedule 2 under 1.1.7 Capacity (a) (iv) A.' reference is made to the types of battery used. Can you please clarify why this information is required?

SCHEDULE 2 – SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED INFORMATION

1 – Commonwealth's Objectives

Criterion 1

1.1 Network Infrastructure design and technical specifications

1.1.7 Capacity

(a) Proponents should provide:

(iv) details of power consumption at both existing and new sites, covering:

A. method of power supply to existing and new kerbside nodes, wireless base stations, including method of primary power provision (e.g. 240V AC from mains supply), power supply housed in node cabinet/base station, types of battery used, and hours of back up;

ANSWER:

Information about the types of battery proposed to be used is being sought to inform the evaluation of proposals, in particular the technical specifications of the network being proposed. It is anticipated that this information will be used to assess the reliability of the proposed network and appropriateness of the chosen batteries in regards to environmental and safety issues.