



UPDATE SUMMARY
DESIGN SERVICES CONTRACT
DECEMBER 2025

1. INVITATION TO REGISTER INTEREST

Topic/Subject	Reference (if applicable)	Description
Commonwealth Procurement Rules Compliance	Clause 2(c)(ii)E	Amendments to align with the updated 'Commonwealth Procurement Rules compliance' evaluation criterion in the template Design Services Contract Tender Documents.
General	Various	Further amendments, including minor drafting and tidy-up amendments and consequential amendments.

2. TENDER DOCUMENTS

Topic/Subject	Reference (if applicable)	Description
Definition of 'SESP Template'	Clause 2.1(x)	Amendment to the definition of 'SESP Template' to refer to the document titled "SESP template - construction services Option B".
Commonwealth Procurement Rules Compliance	Clauses 2.1(b), 4(a)(v) and Tender Schedule E – Commonwealth Procurement Rules Compliance	Amendments to reflect updates to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules being: • amendments to paragraph (d) of Tender Schedule E - Commonwealth Procurement Rules Compliance to request the Tenderer to demonstrate its capability to meet the Applicable Standards (for example, in the form of a detailed explanation or a plan outlining how the Tenderer intends to meet the Applicable Standards if it is the successful Tenderer); • a new paragraph (f) in Tender Schedule E – Commonwealth Procurement Rules Compliance which requests the Tenderer to provide details of its organisational commitment to ethical conduct and ensuring compliance with the Commonwealth Supplier Code of Conduct, including by reference to applicable corporate policies or frameworks regarding ethics, governance and accountability; and • consequential amendments to the 'Commonwealth Procurement Rules compliance' evaluation criterion and to include a definition of 'Applicable Standards'.

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Disclosure of information to Commonwealth departments, agencies and authorities	Clauses 16(d) and 20(b)(iv)	Amendments to reflect updates to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules being to insert a new clause 16(d) and update clause 20(b)(iv) in respect of disclosure of information to Commonwealth departments, agencies or authorities.
General	Various	Further amendments, including minor drafting and tidy-up amendments and consequential amendments.

3. CONTRACT

Topic/Subject	Reference (if applicable)	Description
Applicable Standards	Clauses 7.5(d) and 16.13 of the Conditions of Contract	Amendments to reflect updates to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules in respect of applicable standards.
Disclosure of information to Commonwealth departments, agencies and authorities	Clauses 16.15(d) and 17(b)(v) of the Conditions of Contract	Amendments to reflect updates to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules being to insert a new clause 16.15(d) of the Conditions of Contract and update clause 17(b)(v) of the Conditions of Contract in respect of disclosure of information to Commonwealth departments, agencies or authorities.
Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy	Clause 16.18(m) of the Conditions of Contract	Amendment to clause 16.18(m) to align with the updated Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy.
General	Various	Further amendments, including minor drafting and tidy-up amendments and consequential amendments.

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