## Essential Energy AERD Submission 2015-19 - Confidentiality Claim Log Reset RIN Requirements – Section 1.5 (d) – Vegetation Management contracts

<u>Contract no.</u>: 206-2010A, 206-2010B, 206-2010C, 206-2010D, 206-2010E & 206-2010F (6 contracts)

**<u>Contract type</u>**: Periodic Supply Contracts for Vegetation Clearance Management

Date: 28/05/14

Title, page and paragraph number of document containing the confidential information	Description of the confidential information.	Topic the confidential information relates to (e.g. capex, opex, the rate of return etc.)	Identify the recognised confidentiality category that the confidential information falls within.	Provide a brief explanation of why the confidential information falls into the selected category. If information falls within 'other' please provide further details on why the information should be treated as confidential.	Specify reasons supporting how and why detriment would be caused from disclosing the confidential information.	Provide any reasons supporting why the identified detriment is not outweighed by the public benefit (especially public benefits such as the effect on the long term interests of consumers).
Recommendation for Approval dated May 2011 (Tranche 1) and December 2011 (Tranche 2)	Commercially sensitive information pertaining to the evaluation and award of contracts for Vegetation Clearance Management services	Operating expenditure	<ol> <li>2. Market Sensitive cost inputs</li> <li>4. Strategic Intelligence</li> <li>5. Personal Information</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Proposed contract values by asset type by recommended vendor and allowances for contract variations</li> <li>Analysis &amp; comparison of vendor unit rates, results of criteria evaluations by vendor</li> <li>Names of vendors and names and signatures of Essential Energy staff</li> </ol>	Availability of unit rates, contract values and allowances for variations would negatively impact the ability to obtain the most competitive costs to supply through a future public tendering process. Availability of contract award details and associated criteria evaluations would negatively impact the privacy of vendor financial and operational information.	Obtaining the most competitive rates of supply from the market will generate savings that will be passed onto consumers in the form of lower tariffs. The substance of information in respect of the historical and forecasted management of vegetation clearance can be sourced by consumers and stakeholders from CEOM8018.15 Vegetation Clearance Management Asset Management Plan.

Probity Audit Reports dated May 2011 and November 2011	Evaluation of the request for proposals from prospective vendors	Operating expenditure	6. Other	6. The Probity Advisors have claimed confidentiality over the entirety of their reports	The information in the reports has been supplied subject to confidentiality clauses with which Essential Energy is bound to comply. Accordingly, the documents have been redacted in full and therefore a public version has not been supplied as part of the submission documentation.	The document has been retracted in full so that Essential Energy is legally compliant with its undertakings to the vendor and protects Essential Energy from any legal action arising from a breach of contract.
Supply Contracts dated July and December 2011	Contracts (6) awarded for the supply of Vegetation Clearance Management services	Operating expenditure	<ol> <li>2. Market Sensitive cost inputs</li> <li>5. Personal Information</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Awarded contract values by selected vendor including unit rates and volumes by asset type and location, bank guarantee values, limitations of liability including insurance cover and liquidated damages</li> <li>Names of vendors and names and signatures of Essential Energy staff and vendor representatives</li> </ol>	Availability of unit rates, contract values and contract terms would negatively impact the ability to obtain the most competitive costs to supply through a future public tendering process. Availability of contract award details and vendor staff identities would negatively impact the privacy of vendor financial and operational information.	Obtaining the most competitive rates of supply from the market will generate savings that will be passed onto consumers in the form of lower tariffs. The substance of information in respect of the historical and forecasted management of vegetation clearance can be sourced by consumers and stakeholders from CEOM8018.15 Vegetation Clearance Management Asset Management Plan.