You are invited to submit a proposal to be part of the technical program and share your Australian-based knowledge, experience and solutions with industry colleagues from around the world.

A 250-word proposal is required for submission which will be used to determine which papers will be selected. APPEA has a ‘no paper — no presentation’ policy, so your proposal must address how you wish to publish your paper; and how you wish to present it.

APPEA accepts two formats for final publication—Peer-reviewed Paper (~5000 words and unlimited figures) and Extended Abstract (<1500 words and <3 figures). You must also indicate which format you prefer to present your material – oral or poster.

Proposals may present information about equipment and tools used in exploration and production, but must show the definite applications and limitations of such equipment and should avoid commercialism and extensive use of trade names. Proposals that are deemed to represent commercial advertising material (advertorials) will not be considered. One sure way to overcome this is to publish with an operator co-author.

Please note, your proposal (short abstract) will be used in the 2018 Conference app and registration brochure, unless informed otherwise.

Both Peer-reviewed Papers and Extended Abstracts, as well as your presentation material, will be published in the internationally-acclaimed online APPEA Journal. As it is critical to have all papers finalised prior to the conference, authors who do not submit their manuscripts by the due date (see ‘key dates’) will be removed from the program.

A photo and biography of the presenter (the person who will present in the concurrent session or poster area) must also be supplied with your proposal. See ‘submission requirements’.
suggested topics and themes (alternative topics and themes welcomed)

**Geoscience**
- significant Australian exploration and production milestones
- field discovery and appraisal
- frontier exploration
- new enabling technologies and innovations
- unlocking nonconventional (resource) plays
- advances in conventional exploration, appraisal and development
- reserves assessment and reporting

**Business**
- Global perspectives
  - oil and gas technology and innovation
  - Australia in the world of petroleum
  - reshaping global gas markets
  - working in a carbon constrained future
  - economic contribution of the industry
- global business environment

**Engineering**
- the smart oil and gas industry
- managing aging facilities
- decommissioning
- process safety
- developing LNG projects

**HSE**
- rehabilitation for oil and gas activities
- safety, security and environmental performance

**Energy markets**
- gas supply and demand
- gas market policies

**Community**
- social licence to operate
- working with communities

**HR**
- diversity and inclusion
- indigenous employment
- collaboration

**Legal, reporting and accounting**
- fiscal and project finance
- funding asset development
- corporate funding
- joint venture legal and governance issues
- greenhouse policy issues
- taxation issues.

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**Call for Papers**

Proposals can be submitted via APPEA 2018 Call for Papers’ at appeaconference.com.au from 18 August to 8 September 2017.

**Submission requirements**

Submissions must include:
- a 250-word proposal (short abstract)
- publication preference: Extended Abstract or Peer-reviewed Paper
- presentation preference: oral or poster
- photo of presenter (high res jpeg or tif)
- biography of presenter.

It is critical that company and joint venture clearance is obtained prior to submission. Any perceived clearance problems, and your plan to obtain all approvals prior to the submission of the final paper, must be outlined with your proposal to present.

**Conference registration**

All presenters in the technical program (see ‘submission guidelines’ for presenter definition) must register for the 2018 APPEA Conference and Exhibition. A 20% discount is available to presenters. Papers of presenters who have not registered by 21 April 2018 may be withdrawn from the Conference Program and APPEA Journal.

**Publication of papers**

Since 2017, CSIRO Publishing has been working with APPEA to produce the annual APPEA Journal. CSIRO Publishing is an Australian-based and fully Australian-owned publisher, with content hosted locally and served to the world. Content is published in print and online, with editorial standards and production methods at the forefront of e-publishing.

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**Criteria and Review Process**

The Technical Program Committee will review and evaluate all submissions in accordance with the following criteria:

- Proposals should be exclusive to APPEA 2018, and not previously presented at any other conference. Previous presentations can serve as the basis of your paper, but all papers must incorporate new and original material.
- Proposals should contain new knowledge or experience in a field of relevance.
- Proposals discussing case studies are highly regarded.
- Data included must be technically correct.

With a high number of submissions expected we cannot guarantee that all papers will be accepted for presentation. We hope to have approximately 120 papers presented at APPEA 2018.

Due to the competitive nature of the application to present and the need to plan many months in advance, the decision to withdraw a submission after it has been accepted is not viewed favourably by APPEA and the Technical Program Committee, and may impact on the acceptance of future submissions. We do, however, understand the uncertain nature of our business.