# Invention Disclosure Form

**About this template:**

* The WA Government IP Policy does not contain any prescribed requirements with respect to the disclosure of inventions by public sector employees.
* This template outlines key information for inclusion in an invention disclosure form. The template draws on information from the Commonwealth of Australia (2012) *Australian Government Intellectual Property Manual* and a scan of invention disclosure forms used by Australian Universities.
* WA Government agencies are encouraged to customise the template to reflect their own policies, procedures and terminologies.

**ABOUT THIS FORM**

Use this form to identify and provide information about inventions developed by employees of **[insert agency name]** using its resources that may be of significant value or have commercialisation potential.

* + 1. **BUSINESS UNIT ORIGINATING INVENTION**

Please provide details of the work area where the invention was developed and contact details for the person submitting this form.

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| **Division / Department name:** | |  | |
| **Work Unit / Team / Branch:** | |  | |
| **Name:** |  | | |
| **Position:** |  | | |
| **Contact details:** | Telephone: | |  |
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| **Date of submission:** |  | | |

* + 1. **INVENTION DETAILS**

Please provide comprehensive details about the invention. You may wish to attach supporting information about the invention including drawings, photos, specifications or experimental data demonstrating results of invention.

**Invention title:**

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**What does the invention relate to:**

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| Method | Device | Process | Material | Design |
| Circuit | Algorithm | Software | Creative work |  |

**Description of invention:**

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**What is new or innovative about the invention?**

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**Benefits of the invention:**

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| **What problem does the invention solve?** | | |
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| **Are you aware of any existing, similar or related products that address or seek to address this problem?** | | |
| Yes | No | Unsure |
| **If so, does the invention provide an advantage or alternative approach to existing or similar products?** | | |
| Yes | No | Unsure |
| **Please outline the advantages of the invention (compared to existing or similar products):** | | |
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**Are there any limitations to the invention?** *For example technical risks, market risks.*

Yes  No  Unsure

**If yes, please outline these limitations and what could be done to overcome the issues:**

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**Development stage of invention:**

What is the current status of the invention?

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| Idea / concept | Animal / lab models | | Industrial prototype | Product |
| Preliminary results | Bench prototype | | Clinical / field trials | Other |
| If other, please provide details: | |  | | |

* + 1. **COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL**

**What are the potential commercial applications of the invention?**

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**Are you aware of any existing companies or third parties offering a similar product to the market?**

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| Yes | No | Unsure | |
| **Competitor** | | | **Product details** |
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**Have you been approached by any third parties regarding this invention?**

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| Yes | No | Unsure | | |
| **Contact name** | | | **Nature of engagement** | **Contact details** |
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1. **FUNDING AND MATERIALS**

Please provide information about any funding or materials involved in the development of the invention and any agreements in place with respect to IP ownership or rights.

**Was the research leading to the development of the invention funded (wholly or in part) by an external party?**

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| Yes | No | Unsure |

**Details of financial support and funding arrangements:**

| **Name of grant / funding organisation** | **Funding title / reference** | **Other parties involved** | **Approximate date funding awarded** | **Supporting documents attached** |
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**Was any background IP, data, software or materials from a third party use to develop the invention?**

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| Yes | No | Unsure |

**Details of any resources, data or materials used:**

| **Name of organisation providing materials** | **Description of materials** | **Date materials provided** | **Agreement in place to use materials?** | **Supporting documents attached** |
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1. **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

Please provide details of any information about the invention that has been publicly disclosed. This can include:

* Speaking about the research or invention at a conference.
* Publishing information about the research or invention.
* Discussing the research or invention with external parties (with or without a non-disclosure or confidentiality agreement in place).
* Provision of information about the research or invention in funding submissions or reports.

**Have any details about the research or invention been publicly disclosed?**

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| Yes | No | Unsure |

**Details of any public disclosures about the invention:**

| **Description of disclosure**  *Type of disclosure & information provided about invention* | **Date of disclosure** | **Supporting documents attached** |
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**Are there any plans to publicly disclose any details about the research or invention in the future?**

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| Yes | No | Unsure |

**Details of any intended or proposed publication plans:**

Please provide details about any anticipated public disclosures related to the research or invention.

| **Description of proposed disclosure**  *Type of disclosure & information provided about invention* | **Anticipated disclosure date** | **Supporting documents attached** |
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1. **FOR PATENTABLE INVENTIONS**

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| **Consideration** | **Yes** | **No** | **Unsure** |
| Have strict recording and reporting procedures been used in the course of the research / development of invention?   * For example certified laboratory notebooks. |  |  |  |
| Can you demonstrate the time period in which the IP was developed?   * For example through laboratory notebooks, confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements or other appropriate documentation. * This may be required to establish first-to-invent status. |  |  |  |
| Has the IP been disclosed in any forms that is not subject to confidentiality/non-disclosure agreements? |  |  |  |
| Have any literature or patent searches been conducted?   * For example, IP Australia, US Patent and Trademark Office, European Patent Office, World Intellectual Property Organisation   If yes, please complete the next table below. |  |  |  |
| Has a provisional patent been applied for?   * If so, please attach details including fees paid or due for payment. |  |  |  |
| Have any patents been granted?   * If so, please attach details of the patents. |  |  |  |

**Details of any known research or literature dealing with similar matters to the invention:**

| **Title and description of research** | **Publication date** | **Supporting documents attached** |
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**Details of any similar patents identified:**

| **Database** | **Patent or application number** | **Invention title** | **Filing date** | **Current status** | **Supporting documents attached** |
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1. **INVENTORS AND CONTRIBUTORS**

Please identify all individuals who have contributed to the development of the invention.

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| **Full name:** |  | | | | | | |
| **Employer:** |  | | | | | | |
| **Position details:** |  | | | | | | |
| **Contact details:** | Telephone: | |  | | Email: | |  |
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| **Inventor or contributor:** | | Inventor | | Contributor | | Unsure | |
| **Brief description of contribution or involvement:** | | |  | | | | |

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| **Inventor or contributor:** | | Inventor | | Contributor | | Unsure | |
| **Brief description of contribution or involvement:** | | |  | | | | |

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**[Insert information explaining how agency will action form once submitted]**.