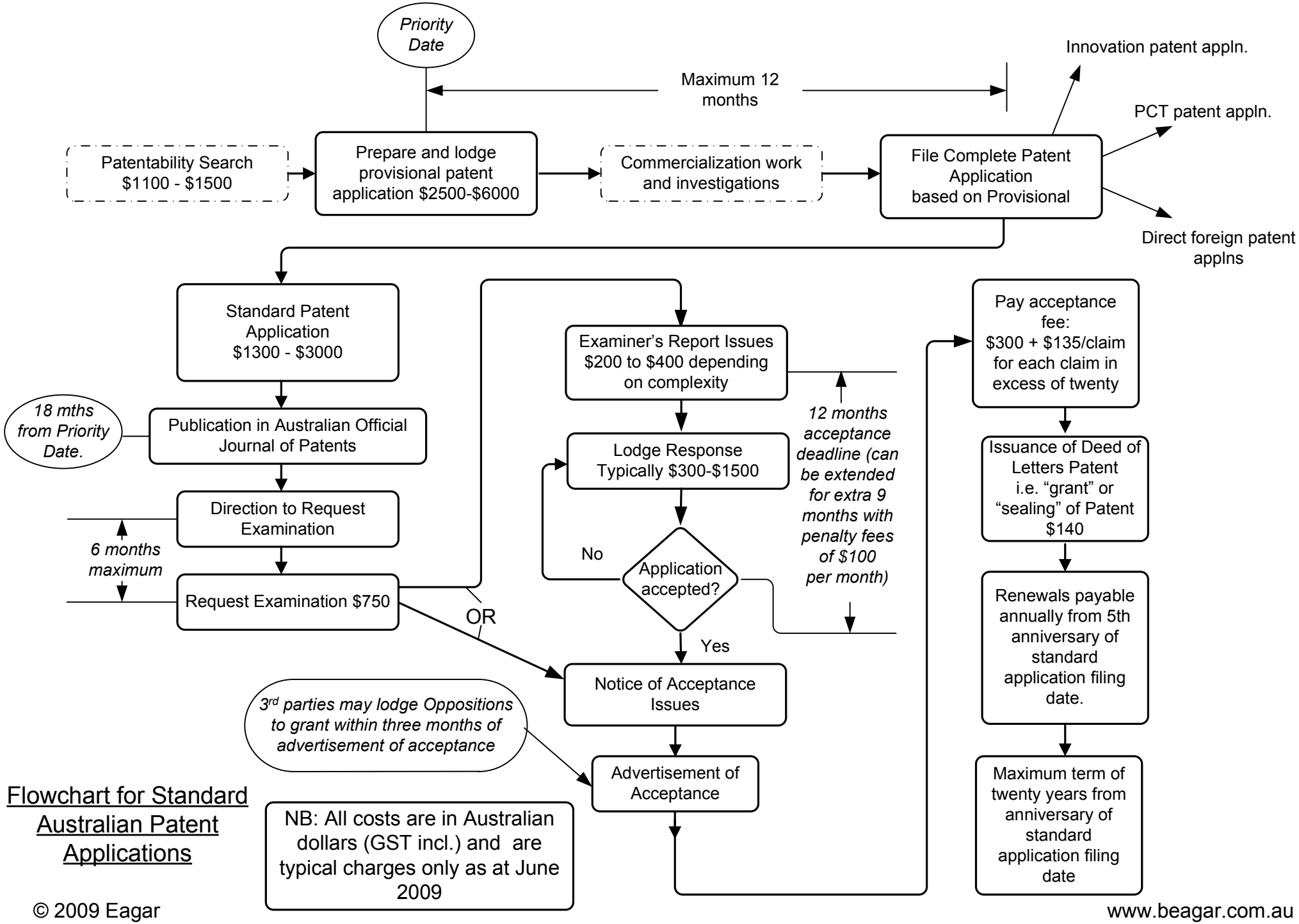
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Innovation patent appln.
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Patentability Search $1100 - $1500
Prepare and lodge provisional patent application $2500-$6000
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