



Australian Government
**Department of Industry,
Science and Resources**

Meeting Brief

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FOR INFORMATION – Meeting with Mr Dario Amodei - CEO Anthropic
9:30am, Wednesday 1 April 2026

TO: Minister for Industry and Innovation; Minister for Science
Assistant Minister for Science, Technology and the Digital Economy

PURPOSE OF MEETING

- You and the Prime Minister are meeting with Mr Dario Amodei, co-founder and CEO of Anthropic. A biography is at Attachment A.

WHAT WE WANT

- Encourage Anthropic's investment and operations in Australia in line with our national interest.
- Recognise signing of the *Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Opportunities for Collaboration on AI* between Anthropic and the Albanese Government.
- Reinforce the importance of managing AI's impact on Australia's economy and society.

WHAT THEY WANT:

- To discuss Mr Amodei's views on AI development and opportunities for investment in Australia.

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KEY MESSAGES

- Australia is a great place for Anthropic to invest. We offer a stable and secure operating context, vast sources of renewable energy, land and talent.
- We want an enduring collaboration with Anthropic. The MoU is a good start and we are committed to turn intent into action in key areas like investment, safety and research.
- It is essential that benefits accrue to Australians and the Australian economy from AI investments.

BACKGROUND

MoU on opportunities for AI collaboration

- This is the first collaborative arrangement agreed with a leading AI company to advance the goals of the National AI Plan. The MoU will support Australia’s ambition to be a leader in AI by highlighting Australia as an attractive place to invest for the world’s leading AI companies.
 - The Government [REDACTED] s 47C is open to entering collaborative arrangements with other leading AI companies where it advances the goals of the National AI Plan.
- The areas of collaboration in the MoU are tailored to areas of shared interest and Anthropic’s strengths. This MoU has a focus on advanced AI and safety; understanding economic and productivity impacts; supporting research, skills, startups, SMEs and the APS; and engaging on infrastructure, transmission and renewable energy considerations.
- The MoU will operate like a ‘head agreement’, with further detailed collaborations, for instance on AI safety or AI use by the APS, possibly negotiated between relevant departments and Anthropic.

Investment in data centres

- The MoU includes a commitment by Anthropic to operate in line with the Albanese Government’s *Expectations of data centres and AI infrastructure developers*.
- Anthropic is drawn to Australia as a data centre investment destination due to the potential for cost-effective renewable energy. Anthropic recently made a public commitment in the US to pay its share of transmission and energy generation costs to mitigate impacts on consumers. Anthropic extends this commitment to Australia.
- The US is so far the only country where Anthropic is building its own first-party data centres (versus purchasing space in third party data centres). [REDACTED] s 47G(1)(a)
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- Anthropic have indicated that Australia is high on its list of places to build data centres as it looks to diversify data centre builds outside of the US with democratic countries that align with its values.

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- Between October and December 2025, the Government sought views from the Copyright and AI Reference Group (CAIRG) on 3 priority areas:
 - encouraging fair, legal avenues for using copyright material in AI through examination of licensing arrangements
 - improving certainty on the application of copyright law to material generated through the use of AI, and
 - exploring avenues for less costly enforcement in relation to AI outputs-related infringement, including through a potential small claims forum.
- The Attorney-General is considering next steps. Anthropic is not a member of the CAIRG.

s 33(a)(i) , s 33(a)(iii)

Anthropic

- Anthropic was founded in 2021, by former members of OpenAI, including siblings Dario and Daniela Amodei, who are CEO and President, respectively. Anthropic is headquartered in San Francisco.
- Anthropic develops frontier AI models. It works with some of the region's most innovative organisations—from enterprises like Canva, Quantum, and Commonwealth Bank of Australia, to startups pioneering new AI applications across diverse fields such as AgTech, physical AI and Climate Tech.
- Anthropic positions itself as a safety-focused AI developer, with publicly documented approaches to risk management and invests heavily in foundational research to ensure its models are steerable and interpretable to ensure reliability and safety.

- Claude has been used to build child welfare software, automate biomedical research tasks, and accelerate scientific discovery across emergency response, nuclear deterrence, fusion energy, and materials science.
- There are no Government grants with Anthropic as either a grantee or a project partner.

Mr Amodei's public views on AI capabilities and impacts

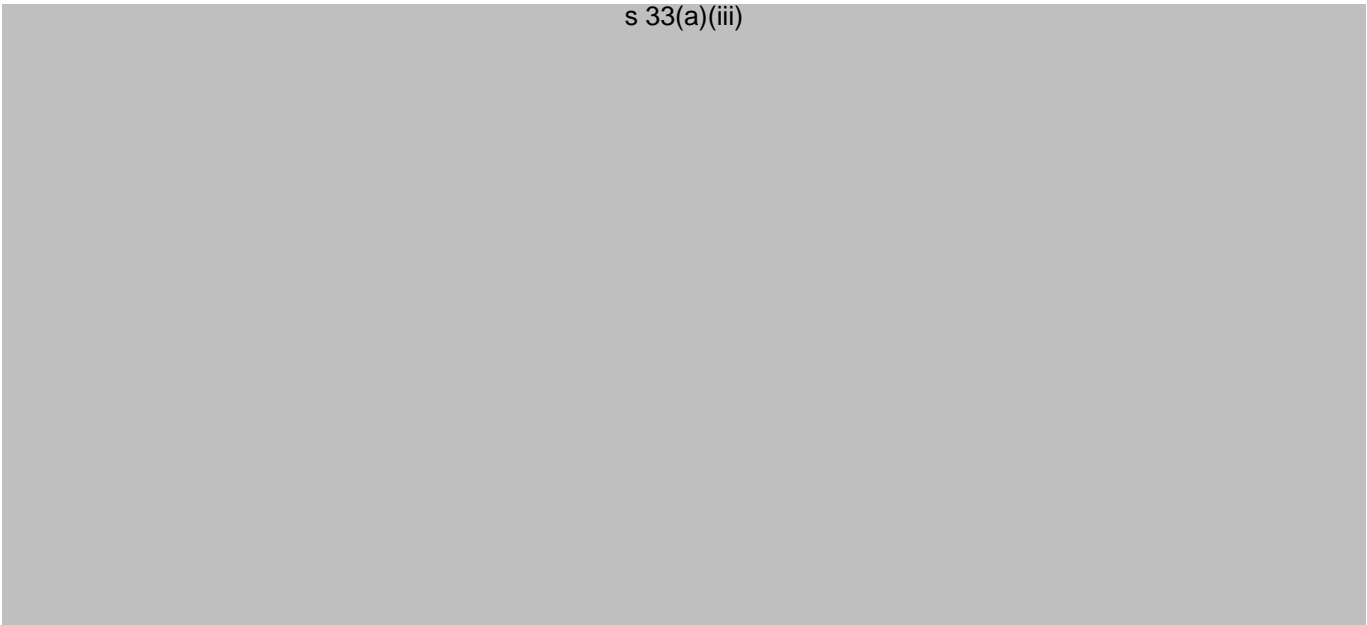
- Mr Amodei has argued that AI systems with substantially advanced general capabilities could emerge sooner than many institutions are prepared for, potentially within the next few years. He has suggested this mismatch between technical progress and governance could pose economic and societal risks.
- He has also raised concerns about labour-market disruption, particularly for entry-level white-collar roles, arguing that the pace of change may exceed the speed of economic adjustment, potentially displacing up to half of entry-level roles within one to 5 years.

Prior meetings

- Assistant Minister Charlton met with Mr Amodei on 18 February 2026 at the India AI Impact Summit to discuss Anthropic's plans for AI investment in Australia and progress discussions on the MoU.
- Assistant Minister Charlton met with Anthropic on 11 August 2025 in the US.
- A range of meetings including the department, the Minister's and Assistant Minister's offices and Anthropic have occurred to negotiate the MoU.

SENSITIVITIES

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DATA REFERENCED

- Nil

CONSULTATION

Internal: Business Grants Hub, Technology and Digital Policy Division; AI Safety Institute; National AI Centre; and Science Division.

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ATTACHMENTS

A: Biography