



## DATA AND DIGITAL MINISTERS' MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ 23 JULY 2021

Ministers met today by videoconference to continue strong collaboration on data and digital transformation.

The following Ministers attended the meeting:

- The Hon Stuart Robert MP (Commonwealth)
- The Hon Victor Dominello MP (New South Wales)
- The Hon Danny Pearson MP (Victoria)
- The Hon Leeanne Enoch MP (Queensland)
- The Hon Don Punch MLA (Western Australia)
- The Hon David Pisoni MP (South Australia)
- Mr Chris Steel MLA (Australian Capital Territory)

### **Digital identity – Making it easier to deal with government**

As part of collaborative efforts to reap the economic and citizen benefits of a national approach to digital identity, Ministers welcomed release of the Australian Government's Digital Identity Legislation Position Paper on 11 June 2021. Ministers noted the need for legislation to enshrine into law a range of privacy and consumer protections, governance and oversight arrangements to support the expansion of Digital Identity nationally and to the private sector.

### **Identity resilience – a nationally consistent response to identity crime and data breaches**

Ministers acknowledged the problem of identity crime and data breaches in Australia is prevalent and growing. Ministers agreed to work towards a nationally consistent approach to provide victims with recovery and remediation services.

### **Hosting Certification – Safeguarding government data**

Ministers acknowledged governments are held to a high standard when it comes to the security and safety of Australia's data. The public expects data held by governments to be managed with appropriate privacy, sovereignty and security controls. Ministers discussed the need for Australian data to be held in accordance with high standards of security across the board.

New Zealand is not a party to this communiqué.

Information on the Data and Digital Ministers Meeting, including previous meeting communiqués, can be found at [www.pmc.gov.au/public-data/data-and-digital-ministers-meeting](http://www.pmc.gov.au/public-data/data-and-digital-ministers-meeting).