



AUSTRALIAN DATA AND DIGITAL COUNCIL COMMUNIQUÉ

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Australian Data and Digital Council Ministers met today (by teleconference), continuing their monthly meeting cycle, to discuss data and digital transformation and shared challenges arising from the coronavirus pandemic.

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 Mick de Brenni MP (Queensland)
- The Hon Dave Kelly MLA (Western Australia)
- The Hon Michael Ferguson MP (Tasmania)

Collaboration on key life events

Developing simple, seamless and easy to use services based on people's key life events allows all layers of governments to deliver the highest impact support to people when they need it the most, without having to navigate multiple organisations and tiers of government. For example, having a baby, looking for work, experiencing a natural disaster, and end of life.

Ministers discussed and agreed an updated set of principles to support a nationally consistent approach to life event initiatives. These principles enable interoperable design, ensure life event approaches aid in reducing duplication, make the best use of collective resources and ensure learnings are shared across boundaries.

Data and digital initiatives underway across the nation

With more people than ever now connecting with government services online, Ministers agreed to release an updated *State of the Data and Digital Nation* report. The report, first published in April 2019, provides a snapshot of data and digital initiatives driving transformation across the nation. It also highlights opportunities for further cross-jurisdictional collaboration and cooperation on national approaches and will help inform the focus of the Council in the period ahead. The report will be released as a priority.

Information on the Australian Data and Digital Council, including previous meeting communiqués, can be found at www.pmc.gov.au/ADDC

The Australian Data and Digital Council is currently under review following National Cabinet's agreement to the formation of the National Federation Reform Council and the cessation of the COAG model on 29 May 2020. Further details can be found in the Prime Minister's [press conference](#) and [statement](#).