

Title of Exposure Draft	Strategic Discussion on AI
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on *Strategic Discussion on AI*.

The Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) works to support entities align their digital and ICT-enabled investment proposals with whole-of-government digital and ICT policies, standards and best practices.

As outlined in Budget Process Operational Rules (BPORs) and Estimates Memorandum 2022/06, entities are required to engage with the DTA early in the development of digital and ICT-enabled proposals, including as part of the DTA's investment prioritisation process to support the Digital and ICT Investment Oversight Framework (IOF). Entities are required to provide a completed Digital Capability Assessment (DCAP) and all supporting evidence to the DTA a minimum of 6 working days prior to the release of an Exposure Draft. Entities must obtain the DTA's approval that the digital and ICT elements of a policy proposal are compliant with whole-of-government ICT policies before it can be brought forward for Cabinet consideration.

Recommendations and body of submission

The DTA makes the following comments on the body of the submission.

- The DTA notes this submission proposes the development of a National AI Plan (the Plan) to set out the AI ambition and to govern and coordinate effort across the economy. The Plan will provide structure and direction for the Government's ongoing response to AI as it continues to evolve.
- The DTA welcomes the proposed National AI Plan's goal to deliver improvements in public services, including through digital transformation of government service delivery, building on the forthcoming APS AI Plan and the DTA's policies, guidance and resources to strengthen responsible AI governance practices and foster AI adoption by Australian Government agencies.
- The DTA supports the establishment of the proposed AI safety and governance function to focus on the science of AI safety and provide technical advice on AI-derived systemic risks and harms. In addition, the DTA welcomes an opportunity to work with the proposed AI safety and governance function to ensure Australian Government agencies are equipped to deploy AI safely and responsibly, safeguarding public safety and trust.
- The DTA considers that at this point in time, there are no digital or ICT-enabled implications from this proposal. In the Impacts table against 'Digital' please remove the current text and replace it with the following statement: "INV-02466. The DTA has been consulted and confirms detailed digital impact analysis under the Digital and ICT Investment Oversight Framework is not required".

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