



Australian Government



PGPA Act Review  
Att: Review Secretary  
Department of Finance  
One Canberra Ave  
FORREST ACT 2603

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the PGPA Act and Rule review. The MDBA's views are listed below.

#### Positive feedback

- The PGPA Act, being principles and outcomes based, is straightforward and the lack of detail prescription means that agencies can tailor their requirements according to their size and ability – so rather than one size fits all, PGPA requirements can be more a fit for purpose. The MDBA considers that the supporting frameworks such as the Commonwealth Risk Management Policy are useful and effective in helping agencies reach their objectives in an efficient manner.
- The Resource Management Guides are an excellent practical resource to provide operational instructions regarding the implementation of requirements of the PGPA Act and Rule.
- The amount of information available on the Finance website regarding the PGPA Act is excellent and user-friendly.
- The PGPA Act and Rule provide a management and operational framework to align Government Entities with best practice at various levels.

#### Challenges/areas for future development:

- It appears to be up to each agency to develop communications materials regarding the PGPA Act and what it means for officials. While there is some training available it would be great to have a consistent online training package for officials, tailored to each category of entity e.g. what the PGPA Act means for a corporate Commonwealth entity.
- Entities could benefit from Compliance Checklists to provide them with assurance that they are compliant with the Act and Rule on various topics.

In addition to above observations, the action plan proposed by the Department of Finance appears to be appropriate and we have no significant concerns at this stage with the proposed action plan.

Yours sincerely

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