



## DATA AND DIGITAL MINISTERS' MEETING COMMUNIQUÉ 25 MARCH 2022

Data and Digital Ministers held an extraordinary meeting today by videoconference.

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 Stephen Dawson MLC (Western Australia)
- Mr Chris Steel MLA (Australian Capital Territory)
- The Hon Paul Kirby MLA (Northern Territory)

### **National Digital Identity Ecosystem**

Ministers agreed to actively explore adopting a national digital identity ecosystem. All governments are working closely to turn this commitment into tangible benefits for all Australians.

This whole-of-economy solution would deliver significant economic benefits for Australia and support Australia's vision to be a leading digital economy and society by 2030.

Ministers also noted the critical importance of interoperability and mutual recognition of digital credentials.

### **National Data Sharing Work Program six-monthly review**

Ministers discussed the review of the first National Data Sharing Work Program that commenced in August 2021. The Work Program focussed on action taken to address national priority data sharing challenges (including for natural hazards and emergency management; waste management; and road safety) and reform of the Commonwealth, state and territory data sharing system.

Ministers agreed a number of actions to improve design and delivery of the next National Data Sharing Work Program.

### **Emergency Management and Natural Hazards**

Ministers responded to a request for advice from the National Emergency Management Ministers on developing consistent data collection and reporting of rebuild of houses following a natural disaster.

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).