



Submission on the Draft Findings of the DAT Act Review

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Equifax welcomes the Review's candid assessment of the *Data Availability and Transparency Act 2022* (DAT Act). We commend the Review for its thorough analysis and its clear direction towards a simpler, more flexible data-sharing framework.

As outlined in our submission of 30 May 2025, Equifax believes that unlocking public sector data is critical for Australia's economy. The inclusion of trusted private sector entities is necessary to deliver public benefits, such as boosting confidence in the housing supply chain, improving responsible lending and combating financial crime.

To that end, we write to express our support for **Recommendation #11**, which proposes a Ministerial power to expand accreditation eligibility. We view this recommendation as a key element for the Act's long-term success. It provides an enduring and flexible mechanism that will allow the scheme to adapt to future economic needs and opportunities in a controlled manner.

This view is reinforced by the Productivity Commission's interim report, "Harnessing Data and Digital Technology," which calls for "lower-cost, flexible regulatory pathways" for data sharing to boost national productivity. Recommendation #11 provides an ideal mechanism to achieve this.

Equifax strongly endorses Recommendation #11 as the key to a more effective DAT Act. We are ready to work with the government to co-design and implement these vital reforms.