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AIIA Welcomes the Policy for the Responsible Use of AI in Government

The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) supports the new [Policy](#) for the Responsible Use of AI in government by the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA). Alongside the National Framework for the assurance of AI in government¹ announced this June, this policy not only underscores the Government's commitment to embracing AI but also shows the way for the broader adoption and governance of AI technologies in Australia.

The AIIA welcomes the Government's recognition of the importance of it being an exemplar in AI adoption and as the policy states, the *"immense potential to improve social and economic wellbeing"*. As one of the most significant users of AI in Australia, the Australian Government is uniquely positioned to lead by example. Many of the most impactful and highly sensitive AI use cases can be found within government agencies, making it imperative that the public sector not only adopts AI but does so with a robust framework that ensures safety, transparency, and accountability.

The policy requirement for agencies to designate accountable officials responsible for AI compliance and assessment of risk is a key element that will drive responsible adoption. This move ensures that AI governance will not be sidelined but actively managed, with dedicated personnel being nominated to oversee the responsible use of these technologies. The AIIA believes that this approach will enhance public trust and set a benchmark for AI governance that can inspire best practices across all sectors of the economy.

AIIA CEO, Simon Bush, said, "The AIIA has been actively calling for the government to be an exemplar around adoption of AI technologies and develop guardrails for agency use and this new policy is an important development that we welcome. The policy acknowledges not only the important role AI can play in supporting government service delivery, but that it is also used responsibly. The fact that the AI policy and framework places obligations on agencies is welcomed so they can't avoid the guardrails."

The AIIA remains committed to working alongside the Government to ensure that AI technologies are harnessed in a way that maximises their benefits while safeguarding the interests of all Australians. We look forward to continued collaboration to support the ongoing evolution of AI governance and innovation.

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¹ <https://www.finance.gov.au/government/public-data/data-and-digital-ministers-meeting/national-framework-assurance-artificial-intelligence-government>