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AIIA Welcomes Australian Government's AI Mandatory Guardrails Proposal and Voluntary Standard

The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) welcomes the publication of the proposals paper for introducing mandatory guardrails for AI in high-risk settings, along with the accompanying voluntary standards. The AIIA is pleased that the Temporary AI Experts Advisory Group, in which the AIIA was an active participant, has delivered a proposal that supports AI adoption across the Australian economy by establishing guardrails based on testing, transparency, and accountability (TTA), aligned with international models.

The AIIA urges the Government to adopt these guardrails swiftly, with the aim of implementing them before the next election. Australians are among the most apprehensive about AI globally, according to [Ipsos survey](#) in July 2023, it is, thus, essential to introduce sensible guardrails that provide businesses and consumers with the confidence that AI can be used safely and responsibly. This initiative complements the Government's recent policy on AI adoption for its own use.

Simon Bush, AIIA CEO, underscored the need for prompt action: "Now that these proposals have been released, we urge the Government to move as quickly as possible to enact the mandatory guardrails, providing the industry with confidence and certainty."

"Given the current slow GDP growth and Treasurer Jim Chalmers' emphasis on AI's importance to the future productivity and growth of the Australian economy, it is crucial to establish these guardrails promptly to facilitate AI adoption," he added.

The AIIA is also pleased with the Government's proposal for a clear definition of high-risk settings and the ten guardrails that would apply, as well as the voluntary AI safety standard. These measures will allow organisations developing or using AI in high-risk settings to begin implementing best practices immediately.

As the national peak body representing Australia's technology sector, the AIIA is committed to supporting innovation while ensuring that AI technologies are safe, responsible, and beneficial to all Australians. The proposed regulatory framework is a critical step towards achieving these goals, and the AIIA looks forward to continued collaboration with the Government and other stakeholders to refine and implement these important measures.

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