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**AIIA urges Federal Government to adopt national Data and Digital Ministers' Meeting**

Australia's peak body for innovative technology, the Australian Information Industry Association ([AIIA](#)), is calling on the Federal Government to continue the Data and Digital Ministerial Meetings which coordinate data policies between Federal and State governments.

The importance of a consistent national data and digital policy is vital to support interoperability and standards for the digital economy and data sharing across the economy. A national framework will support the stated aim of Australia becoming a top-3 digital government in the world by 2025 and a leading digital economy by 2030.

The Albanese Government is yet to commit to a structure for national ministerial meetings, with state governments and industry telling the AIIA that the previous structure held was highly effective and should continue. The previous Data and Digital Ministers' Meeting's (DDMM) supported cross-government collaboration on data and digital transformation, leading to better outcomes for consumers and improved policy outcomes.

**AIIA CEO, Mr Ron Gauci** said: "The AIIA urges the Albanese Government to continue the joint data ministers meetings, which saw regular meetings between our Federal and State ministers to discuss a national approach to data and digital policies. This was widely regarded as very successful for all parties and supported strong relationships between ministers and agencies. Continued collaboration between our Federal and State Ministers is vitally important for the ICT and innovation technology sector to ensure sustained growth into the future.

"It is by working together that the best digital systems will be built. Australia has a history of working as separate states but the digital age means we have an opportunity to work together to build a strong national platform. A united approach will avoid a fragmented and ineffective digital foundation. Government's have the opportunity to make our digital experiences with them seamless, allowing for ease of service delivery that will benefit Australians.

"Communication is in our industry title, strong relationships with all levels of government need to be adopted to work together to deliver the best outcomes for the nation. Australia has the stated goal to be one of the top-3 digital governments in the world by 2025, this is fantastic ambition for Australia to have, one that will need all levels of government working together to achieve. We urge the Albanese Government to adopt quarterly DDMM's to support best practice and collaboration nationally." Mr Gauci concluded.

The AIIA is a not-for-profit organisation aimed at fuelling Australia's future social and economic prosperity through tech innovation and remains committed to working with all levels of Government to secure Australia's digital future.

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### **About AIIA**

The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) is Australia's peak representative body and advocacy group for those in the digital ecosystem. Since 1978 AIIA has pursued activities to stimulate and grow the digital ecosystem, to create a favourable business environment for members and to contribute to Australia's economic prosperity. We do this by delivering outstanding member value by providing a strong voice of influence; building a sense of community through events and education; enabling a network for collaboration and inspiration; developing compelling content and relevant and interesting information.