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Government Digital Services Industry Committee

Charter Document

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Purpose

The Government Digital Services Industry Committee is focused on the existing and emerging digital services that DSPs interact with and consume. Such services include:

- Practitioner Lodgement Services (PLS) and tax
- Digital Identity
- ATO Digital Services Gateway (DSG)
- IRD Gateway Services
- Modernising Business Register (MBR)
- Standard Business Reporting (SBR)

With DSPANZ members investing heavily in consuming government APIs and services, there is a common interest in ensuring these services meet the needs of both DSPs and government. This Committee aims to get DSPs involved in early engagement on relevant government projects to help avoid potential issues in the implementation and go live phases.

This Committee will work alongside the other DSPANZ Industry Committees, particularly with the Government Relations Sub-Committee.

Background

DSPANZ and our members have played a central role in the development of many key digital initiatives including:

- ELS to SBR
- SuperStream
- Single Touch Payroll.

While the importance of collaborative work between DSPs and government is being recognised, there is room for improvement to ensure the success and uptake of government digital services.

Objectives

The main objectives of this group include:

- Assisting the Australian and New Zealand Governments to become experts in delivering software platforms
- Influencing the Government's implementation timeframes, expectations and standards for DSPs

- Providing a whole of industry view to Government on matters related to digital services
- Distilling information from the Government and sharing it with DSPANZ members
- Providing a platform for DSPANZ members to discuss, share their views and escalate any issues
- Responding to relevant policy consultation and getting early engagement in government projects

Participants

This Committee is a committee of the Board (i.e. it is not a Member's Committee as defined in the Constitution). Committee members can either be DSPANZ Directors or DSPANZ members. Membership of the Committee is reviewed annually and members can express their interest in joining the Committee.

Membership will be sought from members that are interested and involved with Government Digital Services (see examples above) within their organisations to support the work of the Committee. Committee members are asked to represent the industry, as opposed to solely representing their individual business interests, while taking part in and representing this Committee. The Committee may appoint additional members as required.

At the first meeting of each year, the Committee will appoint one or two of the members as Chair(s) of the Committee. One of these members must be a DSPANZ Director.

Current members of this group include:

Name	Position	Company
Matthew Prouse	Co-Chair DSPANZ Director	Xero
Mike Behling	Co-Chair DSPANZ Director	MYOB
Chris Philipou	Member	Frontier Software
Green Vo	Member	Ascender/Ceridian
Karl Farrand	Member	Taxlab
Matt Lewis	Member	Capability Wise
Simone Dixon	DSPANZ Director	ELMO Software

Warren Renden	Member	BGL Corp
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DSPANZ staff will assist in providing secretariat support to this Committee.

Stakeholders

Internal to DSPANZ:

- DSPANZ Board
- DSPANZ Members

External to DSPANZ:

- Australian Taxation Office
- Inland Revenue Department
- Other associations on relevant issues

Meetings

This Committee will hold meetings regularly. Meetings will generally be held via Zoom or other video conferencing platforms. A quorum will be greater than 50% of the Committee's members.

Each meeting will be recorded for the purpose of minute taking unless stated otherwise. All recordings will be deleted once the minutes are produced. Only decisions of the Committee will be recorded in minutes. Discussion and deliberation of the Committee will not be included to encourage open conversation.

The Committee Chair/s or secretary will report to the Board following each meeting. Meeting summaries will also be published on the DSPANZ website.

Communication

Internal Committee communication:

This Committee has a dedicated Slack channel for Committee members to communicate outside of meetings. Otherwise, email will be used to communicate and share agendas and minutes.

External Committee communication:

This Committee has a corresponding category on the Forum where information about this Committee and other security related matters are shared.

DSPANZ members are also invited to sign up to this Committee's communication group where they can receive invites to events and activities, relevant updates from the Committee and opportunities to be involved in related submissions and policy work.