



## **Media Statement: AIIA supports roll out of Government's Notifiable Data Breaches scheme**

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**Canberra, Australia – 22 February 2018** -- The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA), the nation's peak member body for the ICT industry, welcomes the Government's Notifiable Data Breaches (NDB) scheme that came into effect today.

The NDB scheme establishes requirements for entities in responding to data breaches. It applies specifically to data breaches involving personal information where the likely result is serious harm to an individual affected.

All agencies and organisations with existing personal information security obligations under the Australian Privacy Act 1988 (Privacy Act) must comply. This includes entities such as Australian Government agencies, businesses and not-for-profit organisations with an annual turnover of \$3 million or more, credit reporting bodies, health service providers, and Tax File Number (TFN) recipients, among others.

"The AIIA is supportive of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) and its roll out of the NDB scheme", said Rob Fitzpatrick, Chief Executive Officer of the AIIA.

"Importantly, the NDB scheme provides a notification that must include recommendations about the steps that should be taken in response to a breach. The ICT sector has a very central role in helping organisations meet their compliance commitments under the scheme, as well as preventing and remediating data breaches.

"The ability to confidently engage online is a critical foundation of a digital society, and anything that builds confidence for citizens and businesses is an important step forward."

For more information on the NDB scheme visit <https://www.oaic.gov.au/privacy-law/privacy-act/notifiable-data-breaches-scheme>.

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### **About AIIA**

The [Australian Information Industry Association \(AIIA\)](http://www.aiaa.com.au) 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 favorable 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; and developing compelling content and relevant and interesting information.

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