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AIIA welcomes federal government reforms to strengthen domestic capability

Australia's peak industry representative body for innovation technology, The Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) welcomed the speech delivered at the National Press Club by Minister for Government Services, Stuart Robert, and supports his call for the government to look at procurement reforms that promote the role of Australian innovation.

Minister Robert outlined the significant cooperative approach to IT systems across departments that will be required to deliver significant change to bring service improvement and efficiencies for all Australians.

The AIIA welcomes the efficient use of taxpayer funds and government procurement as a way to boost Australian capability and national ICT resilience. This echoes recommendations made in the AIIA White Paper titled '[Building Australia's Digital Future in a Post-COVID World](#)'.

The AIIA CEO, Ron Gauci said: "Measures outlined by Minister Robert support the AIIA's calls for government to build a national digital backbone that will create a secure and resilient Australia.

"To hear that the government is working to address these challenges is positive news. Government procurement is a very important lever to develop strong local capabilities. These measures will help to build a strong and resilient Australian economy that has deep local supply chains for our ever-increasing digital economy.

"We welcome today's announcement and we look forward to working with the Minister and the Digital Transformation Agency to play a constructive role in supporting this transformation. Building Australia's digital capabilities will support the nation's economic recovery from COVID-19 for many years," Mr Gauci said.

The AIIA is a not-for-profit organisation aimed at fuelling Australia's future social and economic prosperity through technology innovation.

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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; and developing compelling content and relevant and interesting information.