



DSP Architecture Reference Group Key outcomes

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Title:	DSP Architecture Reference Group		
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Event date:	4 November 2020	Start: 10:30am	Finish: 1:00pm

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Attendees: names/section	<p>ATO: Co-Chair: Paul Dwyer – Director, Digital Wholesale Integration Services Michael Rowell – AC, Digital Wholesale Integration Services Martin Mane – AC, Digital Partnerships & Strategy Michael Ferris – Director, Digital Wholesale Integration Services Garry Davies – Director, Digital Wholesale Integration Services Brian Shepherd – Director, Application Architecture & Design Peter Glynn – Director, ABR Platforms Tyson Fawcett – Director, Data Management Sonia Lark – Director, Digital Partnership Office Danielle Miller – Digital Partnership Office Mikaela Jenkins – Digital Partnership Office Julie Sen – Digital Partnership Office</p> <p>Industry: Co-Chair: Rohan Walder – ABSIA Koustubh Bandyopadhyay – CBA Carl Belle - Xero Helena Bone - MessageXchange</p>
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Darin Carter - Sage
Art Czernecki – Elmo Software Limited
David Delaney – ANZ
Karl Farrand - TaxLab
David Field - Ozedi
Sandeep Gopalan – GovReports
Rick Harvey - Layer Security
Kevin Johnson - Reckon
Warren Renden – BGL
Andrew Smith - MYOB
Ross Stuart – SuperChoice
Jack Wee – CatSoft

Apologies: ATO: Fawad Abro – Director, Digital Wholesale Integration Services
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Next meeting 17 March 2020

Agenda item: 1 – Welcome and introduction

The meeting was opened, noting membership and chair are due for renewal. The agenda is short as the meeting format is WebEx rather than face-to-face and the last DARG was recent.

Agenda item: 2 – Program of work

Garry Davies covered the program of work for EVTE and production, including Tax Time, STP and the introduction of items from the Superannuation program of work.

We are continuing with XML migrations rather than moving to APIs, with the intention of reducing the amount of re-work and change for DSP's. We do not plan to put forms on the Digital Service Gateway as API's.

There was interest in the Client Communication API and outcomes of the relevant focus group can be found at [Practitioner lodgment service \(PLS\) focus group - Client Communication.](#)

Action item:

1. Discuss JSON and REST formats at the next DARG (Mick Rowell)
2. Program of work document to be updated in relation to SBR and DSG services (Paul Dwyer)
3. Timelines for EVTE on the following to be provided:
 - a. Superstream rollovers
 - b. STP Phase 2

Agenda item: 3 – Data and its use, now and in the future

Data is fundamental and there is extensive work underway to harness its potential. Tax Time 2020 has been remarkable with the amount of data received. There are procedures around law, governance and stewardship which underpin the enormous amount of data sharing.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a catalyst to demonstrate the importance of data sharing and future state in relation to the benefit from Open Data. Through data sharing, governments have been able to provide grants and concessions to the right people. It is being considered whether there is a framework that would allow clients to permit backwards supply of their information by consent.

Potential topics for discussion at future meetings include the following, which may include the Strategic Working Group (SWG):

- Data validation
- Authentication
- Security

Agenda item: 4 – Future direction of technology

Discussions concerning Open Data continued into the future direction of technology..

Agenda item: 5 – MBR program & myGovID update

Peter Glynn was introduced as DSP Engagement Lead for the Modernising Business Registers Program. The Design Working Group is ramping up and position papers will be published to the Software Developers website:

<https://softwaredevelopers.ato.gov.au/modernisingbusinessregistersdwg>

MBR services were outlined and a key part of the Apply for Director ID is authentication. The highest level of identification proofing is required, which is currently IP2 for myGovID and this will increase to IP3 once facial recognition is implemented. A security token is issued for each authentication session and the ATO can work with DSP products if help is required for the authentication steps.

MBR will consider whether the Reapply for Director ID is a necessary service. Treasury is taking feedback on whether the Director ID will be public or private and their decision will be communicated to the group.

Action item:

4. The solution for authenticating foreign directors will be explained at the next DARG or earlier, out of session (Brian Shepherd)

Agenda items: 6 & 7 – Other business / Wrap up and close

The group was thanked for attending and there will be an EOI for DARG membership issued shortly, alongside the SWG EOI. The group will reconvene in March 2021.