



MBR Design Working Group outcomes

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Title:	MBR Design Working Group		
Venue:	WebEx		
Event date:	13 July 2022	Start: 1:00pm	Finish: 3:00pm

Chair:	Natalie Ross	Contact	DPO@ato.gov.au
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Attendees: names/section	Warren Renden (BGL), Luke Phillips (Computershare), Chris Denney (DSPANZ), Pravin Kunhiraman (Equifax), Andrew Baritchi (Expert Software), Richard Atkinson (Illion), Rod Keys (Information Brokers), Diana Jones (InfoTrack), Maike Muth (MYOB), John McCarthy (Pitcher Partners), Gabriel Dukes (Shelcom), Erin Adams (Xero) Samuel Burt (Treasury) Amit Hossain (ATO), Cameron Kelly (ATO), Carolyn Godwin (ATO), Cedric Herbert (ATO), Consuelo Fabrizio (ATO), Eleanor Beer (ATO), Hai Yen To (ATO), Jonathan Solomon (ATO), Karen Redhead (ATO), Lainie Alexander (ATO), Mary Arrowsmith (ATO), Michael James (ATO), Michelle Westaway (ATO), Natalie Ross (ATO), Paul McFarlane (ATO), Paul Mosca (ATO), Satyavrat Singh (ATO), Scott Birch (ATO), Sharna Maltman (ATO), Sonia Lark (ATO), Tara McLachlan (ATO), Tim Matthews (ATO)
Apologies: name/section	Brent Jones (Docscentre), Alex Whiteside (Easy Companies), Andrew Smith (MYOB)
Next meeting	24 August 2022

Agenda item: 1 – Welcome, action items, and program update – Natalie Ross

A recap of the previous DWG session was provided.

An update was provided for the following action items:

Action Item	Description	Update
DWG-39	Follow up further details about any new broker licensing agreements.	Current commercial agreements are out of scope in the MBR DWG. Impacted parties to be communicated with outside of the DWG. Action item is now closed .
DWG-40	Raise with Treasury the impacts on DSPs and IBs to onboard to the OSF in relation to the broader infrastructure fee.	Feedback has been provided to Treasury in context of the Infrastructure fee. Action item is now closed .
DWG-41	Demonstrate use cases with examples on uplifting certifications because of a change in API risk rating.	Item will remain on hold until additional service information is available to test the framework.

Agenda item: 2 – Golden Sample API

An overview of the Golden Sample API was provided focusing on functionality, specifications, timelines, and the feedback process.

API Portal – Michael James

A live walkthrough of the API Portal's functionality and interface was demonstrated for the members. The aim of the API Portal is to make it easy for users to find and understand ATO APIs, and subsequently use them in their software/applications.

The API Portal is a publicly accessible website, users can view general information and APIs available. To access APIs for build and testing, users will need to login with their myGovID credentials and meet Operational Security Framework requirements. Sandbox testing of APIs can be done prior to meeting Operational Security Framework requirements.

The API catalogue provided a summary for each API on a catalogue card which provides a brief description of each API, when it was last updated, its version, and associated status (proposed, active, cancelled, deprecated, and deactivated). The catalogue has different filters that will allow users to navigate the interface more easily once more APIs are added.

The API product overview provides information on the group of APIs that will work together to offer the business product. This includes information such as end user details, rate limits, the API risk rating, production requirements, and release notes. In future it may include use cases, journey mapping, and other information as deemed relevant.

Business Guidance – Tim Matthews

An overview of the business guidance available for the Golden sample was provided to the group, noting the detail is subject to change based on feedback received. The Company registration APIs were selected due to the complexity and the number of data attributes captured.

Services with similar aspects are grouped together to form a larger and more complex API.

The MBR program will provide further context on the shift in validations from current ASIC APIs to future ABRs APIs, such as the enforcement of mandatory fields or attachments. Moving forward, the ATO will communicate whether it has made a conscious decision to collect more data or uplift the integrity of services.

Open API specifications – Cedric Herbert

YAML file is available for download.

The public company section highlights the URIs under which the registration for public companies will be hosted. The authorisation mechanism will evolve with the Australian Business Number and Australian Company Number being parameters that can be passed on to the URI.

Members received a guided walkthrough on how to navigate the schema for the ‘Apply for an Australian Public Company’ service.

Demonstration: ‘Apply for an Australian Public Company’ – Satyavrat Singh

Members were shown a retail demonstration of the ‘Apply for an Australian Public Company’ service.

The Director ID number validation process was clarified in response to questions from the members. Members noted a preference for a dedicated API for Director ID validation. It was noted that this was currently not in scope.

API consultation schedule – Cedric Herbert

The three-month schedule spanning July to September 2022 was shared with members for comment with key learnings and feedback to support the development of future schedules.

Members shared concerns around delivery timeframes and the visibility of the broader API roadmap. This included questions about the API forward schedule and the deprecation of current services. Members noted it is important to factor their readiness and accessibility when creating future consultation schedules.

API feedback via Online services for Digital service providers (OS4DSPs) – Sharna Maltman

The registration process for OS4DSPs was explained for members and concerns were discussed around using myGovID credentials. Members were asked to provide feedback on the APIs and its technical implementation.

The DPO has subject matter experts to support members with their registration and feedback. Members requiring support can email DPO@ato.gov.au.

It was noted that a number of DSPs with key developers located outside of Australia currently use an Australian-based contact point to filter information and access OSD4DSPs in scenarios where outsourced developers are used.

Agenda item: 3 – Other business and close – Natalie Ross

Natalie noted that product groups will be visited in a future DWG meeting.

Treasury fees are currently under government consideration and awaiting direction from the new government. Treasury representation will be present at future meetings.