Outcomes

Title:	Focus Group - Securing the broader ecosystem
Issue date:	14 March 2019
Venue:	WebEx

Event date:	12 March 2019	**Start:** 2:00pm	**Finish:** 3:00pm

Chair:	Terry Seiver	**Contact phone:**	02 4923 1060

Attendees:	Jodi Ross - ACCC Cristina Blumberg - ACCC Rob Costello - Amazon Selwyn Snell - Amazon Terry Seiver - ATO Danielle Miller - ATO Dino Alexandratos - Class Richard De Zwart - ePayroll Simeon Duncan - Intuit Lee Hickin - Microsoft Mike Behling - MYOB David Field - ozEDI Simon Foster – Squirrel Street Ian Gibson - SuperChoice Matthew Prouse – ABSIA/Xero Aaron O'Connor - Xero
Apologies: **name/section**	Karen Lay-Brew - ABSIA Paul Murray – Account Kit Chris Howard –ADP Robert Fabian – Advance Payroll John Hyland - Amazon Martin Mane - ATO Sonia Lark - ATO Mike Denniss – Class Super Daniel Wyner – ePayroll Rob Cameron - FYIdocs Michelle Lease - Intuit

Geoff Clarke - Microsoft
David Hawkins - Microsoft
Anne White - Ozedi
Michael Wright - Sage
Anthony Migliardi - Xero

Next meeting	Week commencing 1 April 2019

Recap

The ATO reiterated that the primary purpose of this group is to explore the interest in and development of commonly accepted security standards with the ATO's role limited to helping to facilitate conversation.

Response to action items

Boundaryof the DSP Operational Framework (Action item 20181204_02)

There was a general acceptance of the boundary of the DSP Operational Framework could be defined based on the functionality of the software product or service. Specifically the DSP Operational Framework applies to software products and services that provide:

- Business and tax accounting services (for example, Activity Statement)
- Payroll and business services (for example, Single Touch Payroll – Payevent) OR
- SuperStream services (for example, SuperMatch)

Trans-Tasman e-Invoicing Operational Framework requirements (Action item 20181204_04)

The finalised [Tran-Tasman DSP Operational Framework Requirements for DCL](#) can be found on the ATO software developers website.

Explore interest with Amazon and Microsoft in the focus group and in raising awareness for their customers (Action item 20181204_05)

Amazon and Microsoft both contacted and invited to participate in the focus group.

Key Outcomes

The imporazance of pentration testing was generally accepted but recognised that it is only one component of demonstrating security posture. The consistency of pen testing was also acknowledged as a potential issue in the absence of a commonly accepted standard.

The focus group discussed a number of cyber security standards/questionnaires. The group will initially explore the suitability of the DSP Operational Framework, as well as an abridged version of ISO/IEC 27001.

ISO/IEC 27001 was recognised as a good base, but the cost of independent assessment against the standard may become a barrier to entry for some software developers.

The importance of identity management was highlighted with strong interest in the use of myGovID and Device AUSkey replacement (M2M solution) to support non-government interactions. However, it was acknowledged that the ATO's postion on the use of B2B use is yet to be determined and the immediate focus is the decomissionnig and replacement of AUSkey. As such, myGovID / M2M solution it would not be an option in the short term, if at all.

It was also recognised that there may need to be a tiered approach. I.e what is appropriate for a large organisation like a bank may not be appropriate for a smaller entity.

The ATO will reschedule another focus group meeting in 3 weeks.

Actions

Action item:	Due date:	Responsibility:
20190312_01	**Friday 15 March 2019**	DPO
The DPO to provide details of the other standards considered for certification.		

Action item:	Due date:	Responsibility:
20190312_02	**Friday 15 March 2019**	DPO
The DPO to provide a link to the current Operational Framework security questionnaire and requirements documentation.		

Action item:	Due date:	Responsibility:
20190312_03	**Next meeting**	DSPs
DSPs to review the Operational Framework security questionnaire with a view to discussing whether it is reasonable to use as a starting point for industry use		