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The Hon. Stuart Robert MP
Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills, Small and Family Business
Commonwealth Parliament
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Dear Minister Robert

Thank you for leading the important work to establish the Trusted Digital Identity System (TDIS) and the associated Bill that was recently out for consultation.

The ACT is fully supportive of this work and committed to the collaborative creation of a seamless digital identity system that provides simplified access to services, protects privacy, and unlocks economic value through digital innovation.

However, we do hold some reservations regarding aspects of the Bill. These relate broadly to the overarching interoperability between entities and the resultant user experience, the yet-to-be determined charging framework and what financial impact might result for onboarding entities. We are also interested in some more specific issues like the exclusion of biometric data as an identity attribute that seems to have significant implications for service delivery.

I note your letter received on 26 October 2021, advising no extension of time will be granted to review the Bill beyond 27 October 2021 citing the multiple opportunities states and territories have had to provide input. While I acknowledge this is true, it is felt that the specific feedback provided over these various consultations has not been reflected in the design of the TDIS to date, and consequently, now not reflected in the Bill.

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Consequently, the ACT will continue to review the Bill in consultation with the various parts of ACT Government that will be impacted by the introduction of this legislation. I understand other States and Territories are in a similar position, but I am confident we all remain committed to ensuring a quality outcome in what is a foundational capability for Australia.

I understand Ms Bettina Conti is meeting with Mr Fechner of the DTA on 22 November 2021 and will discuss these matters in detail.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Steel', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely'.

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