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Dear Sir or Madam

## Human Rights and Technology – Stage 2

We welcome the opportunity to provide a submission on Stage 2 of the Human Rights and Technology Project. The Appendix provides more information about Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ).

We have previously provided comments to the [Australian Human Rights Commission on the Human Rights and Technology Issue Paper \(discussion paper\) in 2018](#). Key matters expressed relating to the discussion paper have been reiterated in this submission.

### Part A: Introduction and framework

#### Proposal 1

We support the development of the *National Strategy on New and Emerging Technologies* (National Strategy). A collaborative multi-stakeholder approach is encouraged as outputs will more likely be fit for purpose and widely adopted.

#### Proposal 2

We support the commission of an appropriate independent body to inquire into ethical frameworks for new and emerging technologies. We suggest that when identifying opportunities (Proposal 2 (b)) consideration is given to local and global consolidation/harmonisation as companies developing Artificial Intelligence and other technologies may migrate from one jurisdiction to another as suits their commercial needs or where one country's regulatory framework is more accommodating than another's.

We also recommend that any legislation that is introduced be principles-based and flexible to enable it to keep pace with the rapid changes in technology.

### Part B: Artificial Intelligence

#### Proposal 16

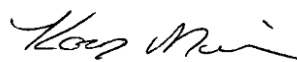
We are supportive of the National Strategy incorporating education on AI and human rights. Tailored education and training could improve awareness amongst different parts of the community and encourage a positive society perception on AI and Technology.

Should you have any questions about the matters discussed in this submission or wish to discuss them further, please contact Karen McWilliams via email at [karen.mcwilliams@charteredaccountantsanz.com](mailto:karen.mcwilliams@charteredaccountantsanz.com) or phone (612) 8078 5451.

Yours sincerely



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# Appendix

## About Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) represents more than 125,000 financial professionals, supporting them to build value and make a difference to the businesses, organisations and communities in which they work and live.

Around the world, Chartered Accountants are known for their integrity, financial skills, adaptability and the rigour of their professional education and training.

CA ANZ promotes the Chartered Accountant (CA) designation and high ethical standards, delivers world-class services and life-long education to members and advocates for the public good. We protect the reputation of the designation by ensuring members continue to comply with a code of ethics, backed by a robust discipline process. We also monitor Chartered Accountants who offer services directly to the public.

Our flagship CA Program, the pathway to becoming a Chartered Accountant, combines rigorous education with practical experience. Ongoing professional development helps members shape business decisions and remain relevant in a changing world.

We actively engage with governments, regulators and standard-setters on behalf of members and the profession to advocate in the public interest. Our thought leadership promotes prosperity in Australia and New Zealand.

Our support of the profession extends to affiliations with international accounting organisations.

We are a member of the International Federation of Accountants and are connected globally through Chartered Accountants Worldwide and the Global Accounting Alliance. Chartered Accountants Worldwide brings together members of 13 chartered accounting institutes to create a community of more than 1.8 million Chartered Accountants and students in more than 190 countries. CA ANZ is a founding member of the Global Accounting Alliance which is made up of 10 leading accounting bodies that together promote quality services, share information and collaborate on important international issues.

We also have a strategic alliance with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. The alliance represents more than 870,000 current and next generation accounting professionals across 179 countries and is one of the largest accounting alliances in the world providing the full range of accounting qualifications.