

## Step Two - Identify the Options

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#### PRINCIPLES

- Regulation should not be the default, consider all available options  
Choose the most proportionate and fit-for-purpose solution  
(remember: bad ideas do exist).
- Context matters, good tech policy is not designed in isolation  
Consider how proposed solutions will impact and interact with adjacent systems  
and jurisdictions (domestically and internationally).
- Designing tech policy is a journey, not a destination  
Just like technology, good tech policy is agile and constantly evolving.
- Good tech policy is responsive and timely, it creates clarity and certainty  
Effective communication is critical.
- Consultation is a theme, not a step  
When designing tech policy, consult often, transparently, and widely.
- Be responsive, foster feedback loops  
Tech policy can be contentious, consensus is not always possible, but demonstrate all  
voices have been heard and considered.

#### LEAD ACTORS

Australian Public Service (APS) lead policy department (at own initiative or as directed by Minister/Cabinet) or Industry/NGO/Civil Society

Steps One to Three can occur external to the APS but, unless robust, will reset to Step One when the APS is tasked to initiate the policy proposal



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QUESTIONS



OUTPUTS

☐ What options are available?

☐ Is regulation the best option to achieve the desired outcome? Are there other means that could achieve the outcome more efficiently and effectively?

☐ Does a solution already exist? Has the problem already been solved? Are there existing tools (including in different or adjacent domains) that could be applicable? Is there precedent (domestically and internationally)?

☐ What evidence is available to support an assessment of the effectiveness of the options?

☐ Have you consulted experts and stakeholders to identify all viable options, including not regulating?

**Can you answer each Question?**



If no, consider an independent Inquiry



If yes, proceed to Step Two, Outputs



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QUESTIONS



OUTPUTS

- ☐ Hold consultations with stakeholders and experts to identify all available options
- ☐ Prepare a map of existing measures domestically and internationally
- ☐ Prepare a map of existing measures in adjacent domains that could be transferable
- ☐ Draft a provisional list of options

Can you prepare each Output?

- A** If no, consider an independent Inquiry
- If yes, proceed to Step Three



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