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PRINCIPLES

- Be responsive, foster feedback loops
  Tech policy can be contentious, consensus is not always possible, but demonstrate all voices have been heard and considered.

- 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.

LEAD ACTORS

Consultation and drafting instructions: Australian Public Service (APS) lead policy department, in consultation with Minister's office

Legislative drafting: Office of Parliamentary Counsel (OPC)

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? QUESTIONS   **OUTPUTS**

☐ Has a consultation communication plan been developed (to illicit input from a broad range of stakeholders, not just those involved in previous steps)?

☐ Do consultation time frames allow for stakeholders to provide considered input? Are there particular reasons for urgency justifying shorter consultation time? If so, has this rationale been communicated clearly to stakeholders?

☐ Are there other adjacent submissions/consultations scheduled within this time frame? How will this impact stakeholder capacity to provide considered input? Does the imperative of the outcome justify this impost? If so, has the imperative been explained to stakeholders?

☐ Will there be opportunities for formal and informal stakeholder engagement during this period, to facilitate targeted, comprehensive, and considered written submissions?

Can you answer each Question?

⏸ If no, resolve internally before proceeding

→ If yes, proceed to Step Seven, Outputs

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QUESTIONS **OUTPUTS**

- ☐ Prepare a Consultation Communication Plan
- ☐ Draft Call for Written Submissions
- ☐ Conduct informal and formal stakeholder consultations
- ☐ Publish stakeholders' written submission

Have you prepared each Output?

⏸ If no, resolve internally before proceeding

→ If yes, proceed to Step Eight