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The Treasury
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To whom it may concern

Re: ABSIA's Submission to Modernising Business Registers (MBR) Program

The Australian Business Software Industry Association (ABSIA) welcomes the opportunity to make this submission on behalf of our members and the software industry.

Overall, ABSIA supports the work of the Modernising Business Registers (MBR) program and the introduction of the director identification number (director ID). We look forward to working together on how business software can best support directors in the director ID application process.

While we are supportive of this work, we are concerned that the uptake for existing directors will be slow if there are no options for software to assist in pre-filling information on their behalf. We understand that directors will not be able to complete the application process through their software but there is this opportunity to support them and streamlined this process by utilising APIs. Further, we also believe that agents should be able to at least initiate the application process on behalf of individuals to support greater adoption.

The information collected from directors for the register should include the ABNs or ACNs that a director is connected with to support future tranches of the MBR program.

We look forward to contributing to the next piece of consultation on the transitional application periods.

ABSIA would appreciate the opportunity to engage further on the points laid out in this submission. For more further information about this submission, please contact Maggie Leese on maggie@absia.asn.au.

Yours faithfully



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