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Attorney-General's Department

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Dear Mr Samoylov

Thank you for your email of 15 July 2023 to the Attorney-General, the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP, regarding the regulation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) models. The Attorney-General has requested that the Attorney-General's Department respond to you on his behalf.

The Government is aware of concerns regarding the implications of generative AI for copyright law, including the use of creators' works in training AI models. AI was a priority reform issue identified by key stakeholders earlier this year at a Ministerial Roundtable of Copyright. A further Roundtable, to be hosted by the department later this month, will provide an opportunity consider this issue in more detail, including in relation to the current and potential future impacts of AI on affected groups, including creators, and possible areas for reform. It is likely that transparency and permission issues around training datasets, as well as the effects of generative AI on creative industries, will be among the issues raised. A high-level summary of these discussions will be [made publicly available on our website](#) following the meeting.

The Ministerial Roundtable on Copyright is one of a number of Australian Government initiatives considering different aspects of public policy related to AI. These include the recent discussion paper released for public consultation by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources' on [Safe and Responsible AI](#) (which closed on 4 August).

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Attorney-General's attention. It is useful for Government to hear community views on important and rapidly-evolving policy issues like AI as it considers potential regulatory responses.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Webb'.

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