

## Microsoft's response to AFR article – 6 April 2021

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In response to articles in The Australian Financial Review this week, the Managing Director of Microsoft Australia, Steven Worrall, said:

"Microsoft Australia wishes to clarify that the views expressed in the Australian Financial Review by Microsoft's director of start-ups – in relation to the appointment of Mr Christian Porter as Minister for Industry, Science and Technology – were the individual's personal views and not the views of Microsoft Australia. We feel it is important to set the record straight on this matter, given ongoing speculation to the contrary.

"We have and will continue to work closely with governments of all political persuasions across Australia – and with the Ministers appointed by their respective leaders – while advocating for the interests of Microsoft and the Australian technology industry. This includes in areas such as gender diversity, which is a very real and pressing issue for our industry."

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