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Mr Julian Hill MP  
Chair  
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA)  
By email: [jcpaa@aph.gov.au](mailto:jcpaa@aph.gov.au)

Dear Mr Hill

**JCPAA Report 492 Governance in the Stewardship of Public Resources –  
Recommendation 2**

I am writing in relation to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) recommendation directed to the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) as detailed in the JCPAA Report 492 Governance in the Stewardship of Public Resources: *Inquiry into Auditor-General's Reports 11, 31 & 39 (2019-20) and 2 & 9 (2020-21)*.

**Recommendation 2 (JCPAA Report 492 page 30 refers)**

2.49 The Committee recommends that:

- the Australian Public Service Commission provide an update on how it is working to foster a digital information management and record-keeping culture in the Australian Public Service.

**APSC Response**

The APSC presents the following update subsequent to information provided in the *APSC Annual Report 2021-22* (page 90-91 hard copy), under the section External Scrutiny ([transparency portal link](#) refers):

*The Commission remains committed to its work to foster a digital information management and record-keeping culture in the Australian Public Service. Through the APS Academy, a range of related learning experiences through the Working in Government Craft are available, including:*

- *Essential Learning – Introduction to Records Management (an eLearning developed in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment and the Department of Home Affairs) and APS Induction – Money and Resources eLearning.*<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The APS Induction – Money and Resources eLearning is in addition to the content included in the APSC Annual Report 2021-22



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- *Digital preservation skills for Australian Government (a four-part program developed by the National Archives of Australia).*
- *Making good choices about information (A short module developed by the National Archives of Australia - available to all APS employees via the APS Academy website and Learning Management System).<sup>2</sup>*
- *Toolkit – links to resources such as the APS Data Capability Framework, Australian Data Strategy, Commonwealth Resource Management Framework and associated eLearning module.<sup>3</sup>*

*Further to this, the Commission is progressing the development of digital and data literacy training for all APS employees that will include competency/capability that will contribute to fostering a culture of digital information management and record keeping, including:*

- *Information and data use and management*
- *Communication and collaboration*
- *Digital content*
- *eSafety, security and sustainability*
- *Technical proficiency and problem solving*
- *Digital mindset.*

Yours sincerely

Dr Gordon de Brouwer

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<sup>2</sup> Available to all APS employees since information provided in the APSC Annual Report 2021-22

<sup>3</sup> This Toolkit statement is in addition to the content included in the APSC Annual Report 2021-22