Request for Submission to the JCPAA Inquiry into the Use and Governance of Artificial Intelligence Systems by Public Sector Entities

Internal Capability to Adopt and Utilise AI

While AgriFutures Australia cannot broadly comment on the capability across the entire public sector, we are confident in our internal capacity to effectively adopt and utilize established AI tools to enhance our organizational productivity. We are currently exploring the development of customized AI applications to further support our internal staff. With initial guidance, we believe we possess the necessary skills to develop and implement these applications internally.

Our commitment to staying informed about technological advancements ensures we remain at the forefront of AI development. Notably, the majority of our staff exhibit a high level of technical literacy and are adept at embracing new technologies, resulting in significant adoption to date.

Sovereign Capability Issues

AgriFutures Australia is acutely aware of data sovereignty concerns. We have made deliberate choices to use AI tools that ensure our data remains within Australia, with only deidentified data being shared with international Large Language Models. Furthermore, we enforce strict policies that prevent our staff from inputting sensitive data into systems where the data is hosted outside of Australia.

Other Related Matters

We share a common concern regarding the rapid pace of technological advancements outstripping current regulatory frameworks. AgriFutures Australia advocates for a balanced approach that fosters innovation while ensuring robust governance and oversight.