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MINISTER FOR BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY
MINISTER ASSISTING THE PRIME MINISTER ON DIGITAL PRODUCTIVITY
DEPUTY LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SENATE

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Dear Ms Dryden and Dr Crocker

Nomination for the Accountability and Transparency Review Team

I am writing to nominate for a position on the second Accountability and Transparency Review Team (ATRT).

Please find attached to this letter:

- short biographical information detailing my key achievements in government to date; and
- a declaration of interests.

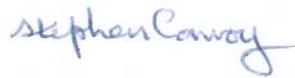
As you will be aware, Australia has been a longstanding supporter of the multi-stakeholder model of internet governance.

Australia was an inaugural member of ICANN's Governmental Advisory Committee and, while I have been Minister, has worked through a number of international fora to strengthen and improve the multi-stakeholder model.

ICANN's mission, and the management of the critical internet resources that underpin the efficient operation of the internet, is of paramount importance. It is important that the ICANN community take stock of its achievements to date, and build on those successes. An important part of this is the need to scrutinize ICANN's transparency and accountability, and to develop proposals for improvements where appropriate. The Australian Government considers this to be an important part of the overall goal of improving and strengthening the multi-stakeholder model going forward.

It is for this reason that the Australian Government is seeking to directly participate on the second ATRT. I would appreciate it if you considered my application to be a volunteer member. I look forward to engaging with you on these important issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Conroy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

Stephen Conroy
Minister for Broadband,
Communications and the Digital Economy

BIOGRAPHY – SENATOR STEPHEN CONROY

Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy was appointed as the Australian Government Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Productivity in September 2010. He is also Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate.

Stephen has a broad range of portfolio responsibilities, not least the National Broadband Network, the largest nation-building infrastructure project in Australian history, and the enabling foundation for Australia's digital economy. Other responsibilities include Australia's digital television switchover, Australia's national broadcasters the ABC and SBS, media policy, community broadcasting, e-security and cyber-safety, radiofrequency spectrum and Australia Post, among other things. Digital Productivity is an exciting new addition to his portfolio responsibilities.

Passionate about media and communications and about engaging with industry to foster innovation and growth, Stephen has had active involvement in the communications portfolio for over ten years - first as Senate representative for shadow communications spokesman Lindsay Tanner and then as shadow communications minister until the November 2007 federal election.

Stephen was appointed as a Senator for Victoria for the Australian Labor Party in 1996. Previously he was an industrial officer and superannuation officer for the Transport Workers Union Victorian Branch from 1992 to 1996, a ministerial adviser to Victoria's Minister for Industry from 1990 to 1992 and an assistant adviser to the Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1988 to 1990.

From 1986 to 1987, Stephen was an electorate officer for the Federal Member for Canberra, consultant to the Minister for Science and Minister assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce and electorate officer for the Minister for Home Affairs. He worked for the Metal Trades Industry Association from 1984 to 1986.

Declaration of Interests and Affirmation regarding Conflicts of Interest Policy

By Stephen Conroy for participation in the ICANN Affirmation of Commitments

Second Accountability & Transparency Review Team

1. Current vocation, employer and position:

- Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy;
- Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Productivity; and
- Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate.

2. Type of work performed in 1 above and declaration of relationships with entities holding a Financial (or declarable) Interest in ICANN:

Elected official. Nil.

3. Identify any financial ownership or senior management/leadership interest in registries, registrars or other firms that are interested parties in ICANN policy or any entity with which ICANN has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement:

Nil.

4. Are you, or a company you work for:

- **Currently an applicant for a new gTLD?** No.

- **Providing advice to any current or future new gTLD applicants?** The Australian Government has liaised with new gTLD applicants through ICANN's Early Warning Process to address potential public policy issues.

- **Otherwise involved in an application submitted for the New gTLD Program, such as providing service in support of an applicant or having a financial interest in an applicant?** No.

If your answer is yes to any of the above, please identify the interest you have in the application submitted for the New gTLD Program.

The Australian Government lodged 129 Early Warnings as part of ICANN's new gTLD process. The Australian Government has no financial interest in any new gTLD application.

5. Identify any type of commercial interest in ICANN policy development outcomes. Do you represent other parties in any PDP or other ICANN related processes?

Nil, except as specified in question 7.

6. Geographic Region associated with the nationality of volunteer (Africa, North America, Latin America/Caribbean, Asia/Australia/Pacific and Europe):

Australia.

7. Stakeholder Group(s) AC's or SO's in which I volunteer or currently participate within ICANN:

The Australian Government participates as a member of the GAC.

Except as described above, I have no (i) ownership or investment interest in any entity with which ICANN has an existing or proposed transaction, contract, dispute, or other arrangement; (ii) a compensation arrangement with any entity or individual with which ICANN has a transaction, contract, dispute, or other arrangement; and (iii) a potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which ICANN is negotiating a transaction, contract, dispute, or other arrangement.

SIGNATURE:

stephan Conway

DATE:

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