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PGPA Act Review
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Australian Communications and Media Authority Response - *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* Review

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) and the accompanying *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014* (PGPA Rule). The scope of the review specifically considers the impact of the PGPA Act on small entities, and the ACMA's response took this into consideration in formulating our response.

The ACMA considers there is a high level of duplication for non-financial performance information reporting for commonwealth regulators in terms of the overlap between the requirements for the Regulator Performance Framework (RPF) and the Annual Performance Statement. While the RPF is not part of this review, the ACMA respectfully requests the Committee consider the interaction between the PGPA reporting and the RPF reporting as part of its review.

While there may be merit in bringing forward an earlier annual report delivery and tabling date, this would once again increase the reporting burden on agencies, particularly if information is sourced from outside the agency and may not be available early enough to meet the new timeframes.

The ACMA would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the quality of the guidance material which is well structured and targeted. This material, along with the Community of Practice events have been extremely valuable inputs to the ACMA's implementation of the new reporting frameworks. The ACMA also found the lessons learnt reports and the review by the ANAO to be valuable inputs.

Kind regards,



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