



November 17, 2014

Ms. Pia Waugh
Director of Coordination and Gov 2.0
Department of Finance
Government of Australia

Dear Ms. Pia Waugh,

We welcome the Government of Australia's participation in the Open Government Partnership, which now has 65 countries working to implement national commitments to promote greater transparency, accountability, and engagement of citizens in policy making.

As you are aware, the OGP Articles of Governance state that all participating countries are expected to: *Make concrete commitments, as part of a country action plan, that are ambitious and go beyond a country's current practice.* All OGP participating governments are expected to develop national action plans that specify concrete commitments over a two-year period. Countries that are more than four months late in submitting their National Action Plan (NAP) will be considered acting contrary to OGP process for that action plan cycle. The Government of Australia has not submitted its first NAP as of November 1, 2014, four months after the deadline of July 1, 2014. This letter is therefore to inform you that the Government of Australia has acted contrary to the OGP process for this cycle of action plan development.

We recognize that Australia held an election shortly after joining OGP in 2013, and that the subsequent change of government has delayed the start of the action plan process. We look forward to clarification on Australia's participation in OGP in the near future and are happy to discuss further with you.

We thank you for your continued participation in the Open Government Partnership and look forward to shortly receiving your first OGP NAP. The OGP Support Unit and Steering Committee stand ready to support you in whatever way would be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional information or assistance in the finalization of your action plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Frey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Linda Frey
Executive Director
OGP Support Unit