



## Attorney-General

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Dear Mr Pradhan

Thank you for your letter of 8 August 2022 regarding the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and for your congratulations on my appointment as Attorney-General. I am honoured to serve again as Australia's first law officer.

It is regrettable that Australia has not yet lodged our third National Action Plan, despite the significant efforts of Australian civil society and the multi-stakeholder forum in co-creating the plan over the past few years. While a draft National Action Plan was developed, I am keen to re-engage with civil society which will mean that it is unlikely a plan will be lodged by the 31 December 2022 deadline. I welcome your assurance that no further remedial action may be necessary if Australia commences a new and meaningful co-creation process in line with the OGP's standards.

The Australian Government is firmly committed to the principles of the OGP and it is my intention to work closely with civil society to develop a new National Action Plan for Australia that captures a greater level of ambition for open government, transparency and accountability.

The Government's commitments to create a National Anti-Corruption Commission, ensure greater transparency on political finance and beneficial ownership, and to hold a referendum on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament are a clear testament to our open government agenda.

Thank you again for writing. I look forward to working together to realise the OGP vision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Dreyfus'.

**THE HON MARK DREYFUS KC MP**

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