



Clarification to ACCC Digital Platforms Inquiry – September 2023 Interim Report

Following publication of the interim report on 27 November 2023, Microsoft contacted the ACCC to clarify some of the factual matters referred to in the report regarding its acquisition of LinkedIn and Mojang.

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137	For instance, when Microsoft acquired LinkedIn, it sought to increase LinkedIn's usership by building LinkedIn into Outlook, creating technical integration between LinkedIn Sales Navigator and Microsoft's Dynamics 365, and moving LinkedIn to Microsoft's Azure cloud.	Microsoft has clarified that it has not moved LinkedIn to Microsoft's Azure cloud, and offers similar LinkedIn integrations with third parties.
145	Another example of Microsoft leveraging data-rich areas is its acquisition of Mojang, the developer of the popular game Minecraft. The potential benefits for Microsoft arising from the transaction include access to Minecraft user data, which could be utilised in future software releases.	Microsoft has advised that it has implemented strict guardrails in relation to Minecraft data, this data is currently handled separately and not used outside of Minecraft.