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| <p>Digital Technology Working Group</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature summary – Harms and risks of algorithms Pilot technology examination (horizon scanning) – large language models | <p>The working group presented the final drafts of two papers (discussed below) at the DP-REG Steering Committee meeting on 2 June 2023. We will provide oral updates on the Steering Committee’s consideration of these papers at Board.</p> <p><u>Literature summary – Harms and risks of algorithms</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Steering Committee considered this paper on 2 June 2023 for a decision on the updated draft text and whether to pursue publication of this report. If the Steering Committee chose to publish the literature summary, the working group also intended to seek views on the strategy for publication, and suggest the method of publication and communications strategy be put to Regulator Heads at their meeting on 20 June 2023 for final decision. Since an earlier draft was considered at the March Steering Committee meeting, the working group has incorporated comments received and considered the potential resource implications of publication. |
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| Digital Platforms Regulator Forum (DP-REG) Updates | | |
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| DP-REG | Workstreams | Status Update |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through developing this summary, DP-REG aims to establish a joint point in time understanding of the harms and risks posed by some commonly-used types of algorithms. It focuses on three topics relevant to intersecting priorities of DP-REG members: algorithms used in content moderation, recommender systems and targeted advertising. It is intended to develop our common understanding of these areas and may inform future work of DP-REG or individual members on these topics. <p><u>Pilot technology examination – Large Language Models (LLMs)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final draft on this first pilot examination focusing on a particular digital technology, focused on generative AI (such as large language models and text-to-image generators), was considered at the DP-REG Steering Committee meeting of 2 June 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of this work, we have continued liaison with DISR and relevant academics from RMIT specialising in search engines and information retrieval. Of note, one common thread through our discussions with RMIT has been that they consider LLMs could amplify and exacerbate bias and other existing issues that regulators are already considering around digital platforms, including those covered in the Algorithms Literature Summary. |

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