

Date: Oct 9, 2025 Meeting opened at: 8:16pm AEDT. Meeting closed at: 8:56pm AEDT.

Held via online (Google Meet), not recorded.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Attendance

Present: John P, Shaun B, Andrew S, Bianca G

Absent: Gillian (Cate) D

3. Confirmation of agenda

No changes to agenda

4. Acceptance of past minutes

No changes to the minutes.

Motion: That the minutes of the business committee meeting of 2025-08-11 be accepted as a fair and accurate record of the meeting

Moved: Andrew S

Seconded: John P

For: unanimous

Motion Carried

5. Regular agenda items

Member Application Approvals

The following membership applications were received:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Motion: That applicants listed in the Board Report be accepted as members of the Association.

Moved: Andrew S

Seconded: Shaun B

For: unanimous

Motion Carried

Activities update

- 2025 AGM Doc Suite: John P has prepared materials for the next AGM. Committee discussed meeting tools, having a briefing on current state of digital rights, board members looking neat on camera.

Submissions Update

- Productivity Commission: The Productivity Commission report on AI and Privacy was terrible. Our submission was strongly worded.
- FoI Amendment Bill: Detailed submission criticising 99% of the proposed bill. What is proposed makes it harder to get information.
- Online Safety Internet Code: Presenting to Senate committee on Monday afternoon.

EFA outreach/event/media attendance

- Age Assurance Technology Trial Final Report release: Many media contacts
- Qantas Data Breach: Media contacts.
- AI Roundtable with Friends of Tech: Attended event in Canberra in person. Covered Australian government approach to AI. John P was the lone voice for civil society.

Risk management

Nothing to report.

Complaints/compliments

No formal complaints received. Received some inbound emails asking questions that they want help on.

6. Other business

Membership Engagement Survey

John P shared a paper. Committee discussed removing questions to shorten it.

Action: Committee members to review draft survey questions within a week.

Motion: That EFA develop, distribute and evaluate a “Member Engagement” survey to inform EFA strategic direction and activity planning for 2026 onwards.


Moved: John P

Seconded: Shaun B

For: unanimous

Motion Carried

Discuss ATO Account Balance

John P shared that previous EFA accountants have explained that previous ATO tax  that earlier EFA boards understood as being written-off was actually not written-off is termed a non-pursuit. However, ATO had removed it from online tax account so it was reasonable to believe it was gone. Discussed calling the ATO to plead a case.

Action: John P to call ATO next week.

Volunteer agreement

Discussed edits to the volunteer agreement since the last meeting.

Motion: That EFA adopts this volunteer agreement, replacing all previous similar agreements.

Moved: Andrew S

Seconded: John P

For: unanimous

Motion Carried

Discuss social media proposal

Given that the person who wrote the proposal was not in attendance, this item will be deferred to the next meeting.

Discuss appointment of further board members before AGM

Discussed four people who have reached out to join board. These people will be contacted when the new AGM nominations process happens very soon.

7. Meeting Close 8:56pm AEDT

Next meeting date: 2025-11-03 7:30pm AEDT