



Australian Government
**Department of Industry,
Science and Resources**

Meeting Brief

MB26-000140

FOR INFORMATION – Meeting with Mr Dario Amodei - CEO Anthropic
9:30am, Wednesday 1 April 2026

TO: Minister for Industry and Innovation; Minister for Science
Assistant Minister for Science, Technology and the Digital Economy

PURPOSE OF MEETING

- You and the Prime Minister are meeting with Mr Dario Amodei, co-founder and CEO of Anthropic. A biography is at [Attachment A](#).

WHAT WE WANT

- Encourage Anthropic's investment and operations in Australia in line with our national interest.
- Recognise signing of the *Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Opportunities for Collaboration on AI* between Anthropic and the Albanese Government.
- Reinforce the importance of managing AI's impact on Australia's economy and society.

WHAT THEY WANT:

- To discuss Mr Amodei's views on AI development and opportunities for investment in Australia.
- **s 47C**

KEY MESSAGES

- Australia is a great place for Anthropic to invest. We offer a stable and secure operating context, vast sources of renewable energy, land and talent.
- We want an enduring collaboration with Anthropic. The MoU is a good start and we are committed to turn intent into action in key areas like investment, safety and research.
- It is essential that benefits accrue to Australians and the Australian economy from AI investments.

BACKGROUND

MoU on opportunities for AI collaboration

- This is the first collaborative arrangement agreed with a leading AI company to advance the goals of the National AI Plan. The MoU will support Australia's ambition to be a leader in AI by highlighting Australia as an attractive place to invest for the world's leading AI companies.
 - The Government is also in [s 22](#) and is open to entering collaborative arrangements with other leading AI companies where it advances the goals of the National AI Plan.
- The areas of collaboration in the MoU are tailored to areas of shared interest and Anthropic's strengths. This MoU has a focus on advanced AI and safety; understanding economic and productivity impacts; supporting research, skills, startups, SMEs and the APS; and engaging on infrastructure, transmission and renewable energy considerations.
- The MoU will operate like a 'head agreement', with further detailed collaborations, for instance on AI safety or AI use by the APS, possibly negotiated between relevant departments and Anthropic.

Investment in data centres

- The MoU includes a commitment by Anthropic to operate in line with the Albanese Government's *Expectations of data centres and AI infrastructure developers*.
 - Anthropic is drawn to Australia as a data centre investment destination due to the potential for cost-effective renewable energy. Anthropic recently made a public commitment in the US to pay its share of transmission and energy generation costs to mitigate impacts on consumers. Anthropic extends this commitment to Australia.
 - The US is so far the only country where Anthropic is building its own first-party data centres (versus purchasing space in third party data centres). [s 45 & s 47C](#)
-
- [s 45](#)

s 45

- Between October and December 2025, the Government sought views from the Copyright and AI Reference Group (CAIRG) on 3 priority areas:
 - encouraging fair, legal avenues for using copyright material in AI through examination of licensing arrangements
 - improving certainty on the application of copyright law to material generated through the use of AI, and
 - exploring avenues for less costly enforcement in relation to AI outputs-related infringement, including through a potential small claims forum.
- The Attorney-General is considering next steps. Anthropic is not a member of the CAIRG.

s 33(a)(i) & s 47G(1)(a)

Anthropic

- Anthropic was founded in 2021, by former members of OpenAI, including siblings Dario and Daniela Amodei, who are CEO and President, respectively. Anthropic is headquartered in San Francisco.
- Anthropic develops frontier AI models. It works with some of the region's most innovative organisations—from enterprises like Canva, Quantum, and Commonwealth Bank of Australia, to startups pioneering new AI applications across diverse fields such as AgTech, physical AI and Climate Tech.
- Anthropic positions itself as a safety-focused AI developer, with publicly documented approaches to risk management and invests heavily in foundational research to ensure its models are steerable and interpretable to ensure reliability and safety.

- Claude has been used to build child welfare software, automate biomedical research tasks, and accelerate scientific discovery across emergency response, nuclear deterrence, fusion energy, and materials science.
- There are no Government grants with Anthropic as either a grantee or a project partner.

Mr Amodei's public views on AI capabilities and impacts

- Mr Amodei has argued that AI systems with substantially advanced general capabilities could emerge sooner than many institutions are prepared for, potentially within the next few years. He has suggested this mismatch between technical progress and governance could pose economic and societal risks.
- He has also raised concerns about labour-market disruption, particularly for entry-level white-collar roles, arguing that the pace of change may exceed the speed of economic adjustment, potentially displacing up to half of entry-level roles within one to 5 years.

Prior meetings

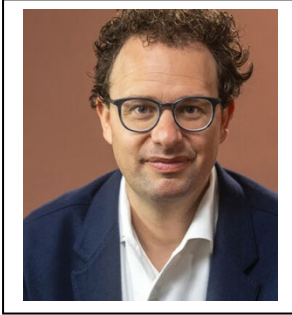
- Assistant Minister Charlton met with Mr Amodei on 18 February 2026 at the India AI Impact Summit to discuss Anthropic's plans for AI investment in Australia and progress discussions on the MoU.
- Assistant Minister Charlton met with Anthropic on 11 August 2025 in the US.
- A range of meetings including the department, the Minister's and Assistant Minister's offices and Anthropic have occurred to negotiate the MoU.

SENSITIVITIES

s 33(a)(iii)

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES

ATTACHMENT A

Biography**Dario Amodei, CEO Anthropic PBC****Background**

Dario Amodei is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Anthropic, a US-based artificial intelligence company that develops the Claude family of large language models. Anthropic is a major developer of large-scale AI systems and presents its work as focused on improving reliability, interpretability, and risk management alongside commercial deployment. Amodei is a regular public commentator on the opportunities and risks associated with advanced AI and engages frequently with governments and international forums on AI governance, safety, and policy issues.

Role at Anthropic

Amodei co-founded Anthropic in 2021 with his sister, Daniela Amodei, and other former senior staff from OpenAI. The founders left OpenAI following differences in views about organisational direction and approach. Since its establishment, Anthropic has grown into a significant player in the frontier AI sector, developing and deploying the Claude model family for enterprise and public use. Under Amodei's leadership, the company has invested in technical research on interpretability, alignment, and evaluation, and has positioned itself as a safety-focused competitor among leading AI developers.

Amodei has published essays and opinion pieces arguing that rapid advances in AI capability should be accompanied by stronger technical safeguards and clearer governance arrangements. In 2025, he was named to Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world, reflecting his increased visibility in global technology and AI policy discussions.

Previous work at OpenAI

Before founding Anthropic, Amodei held senior research leadership roles at OpenAI, including Vice President of Research. During this period, he was involved in the development and scaling of large language models and is credited in public profiles with contributing to early work on methods for training models using human feedback. His experience at OpenAI informed his subsequent focus on AI risk and alignment.

Public Engagement and Policy Relevance

Across his work at OpenAI and Anthropic, Amodei has been an active public voice on AI governance, national security implications, and international coordination. He has argued for closer cooperation between democratic governments and leading AI developers on standards, safeguards, and information-sharing related to advanced AI systems.

s 45 & s 47G

s 33(a)(i), s 45 & s 47G

s 33(a)(i), s 45 & s 47G

OFFICIAL: Sensitive



Australian Government
**Department of Industry,
Science and Resources**

Ministerial Submission

MS25-001633

FOR ACTION – Agreeing Memorandum of Understanding for AI collaboration with Anthropic

TO: Minister for Industry and Innovation

CC: Assistant Minister for Science, Technology and the Digital Economy

TIMING

Urgent: by 29 March to support signing on 30 March before announcement on 1 April.

Recommendation:

- That you **agree to** the text of the MoU with Anthropic at Attachment A.

Agreed / Not agreed

s 47C

s 47C

f the Department of

s 45

Agreed / Not agreed

Signature

Date: 27/2026

Key Points

- The department, with your office and the Assistant Minister’s office, has been in discussions with leading AI companies on collaborative arrangements to support the goals of the National AI Plan. s 47C
s 47C

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

s 47C**s 47C**

We understand there may be an opportunity to announce the MoU on 1 April 2026 when the Prime Minister meets Anthropic's CEO, Dr Dario Amodei.

- The MoU is a non-legally binding, high-level statement of shared intent. It does not include any financial commitment by the Albanese Government or preference the company for future decisions.
- The MoU will support Australia's ambition to be a leader in AI by highlighting Australia as an attractive place to invest for the world's leading AI companies. The MoU makes clear the Government's expectations about how these investments should benefit the Australian AI ecosystem and sets out areas of collaboration in line with the goals of the National AI Plan. The UK Government has entered similar arrangements with companies including OpenAI, Anthropic, and NVIDIA.
- The MoU focuses collaboration on advanced AI and safety; understanding economic and productivity impacts; supporting research, skills, startups, SMEs and the APS; and engaging on infrastructure, transmission and renewable energy considerations.
- The MoU includes a commitment by Anthropic to align its data centre operations with the Albanese Government's *Expectations of data centres and AI infrastructure developers* that were released on 23 March 2026.
- The Government's intent to negotiate such arrangements was included in the National AI Plan. The Anthropic MoU would be the first arrangement under that commitment. In announcing this arrangement, the Government should include that it is open to entering arrangements with other leading tech companies, including Australian companies, where those arrangements will further the objectives of the National AI Plan.
- The MoU creates an 'umbrella' agreement under which further, more detailed arrangements can be negotiated on specific areas of collaboration. For example, the Australian AI safety institute could in future negotiate an agreement on AI safety research and testing with Anthropic, under the shared objectives set out in the MoU.
- The department recommends you agree the draft MoU at Attachment A, as it aligns with the commitment to enter collaborative arrangements with leading AI and tech companies to further the goals of the National AI Plan and is in the national interest.

Process to MoU finalisation

- **s 42**

- **s 45**

- The department engaged **s 47G** to provide probity advice. A probity plan is in place for this and future collaborative arrangements. **s 47G** does not consider there to be any material probity concerns with the process undertaken to date.

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

- The department has an established process to consider future approaches from leading AI and tech companies to enter collaborative arrangements. s 47C & s 47E(d)
s 47C & s 47E(d)
- The department will publish the signed MoU on the department's website and work with your office on other requirements for announcement.
s 33(a)(i)

s 33(a)(iii)

DATA REFERENCED

- Nil

CONSULTATION

- Departments of: the Prime Minister and Cabinet; Finance; Treasury; Foreign Affairs and Trade; Attorney-General's; Employment and Workplace Relations; Home Affairs; Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water; Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts; Office of National Intelligence; the Digital Transformation Agency.
- DISR Chief Legal Officer and Integrity Division, Albanese Government Solicitor. O'Connor Marsden & Associates for probity advice.

Clearance Officer

Jessica Foote
 Head of Division (a/g)
 Technology and Digital Policy Division
 Mob: s 22
 Clearance Date: 25 March 2026

Contact Officer

s 22
 Manager, AI Investment
 Mob: s 22

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

ATTACHMENTS

A: AI MoU – Anthropogenic
s 47C & s 47E(d)

OFFICIAL

s 47C

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL

3. Harnessing productivity and addressing economic impacts:

- 3.1. Drawing on Anthropic's Economic Index to examine AI's productivity benefits and its broader economic and social impacts, with particular attention to sectors central to the Australian economy: natural resources, agriculture, healthcare, and financial services.
- 3.2. Anthropic recognises the importance of expanding Australia's energy supply and transmission, with a focus on firmed renewables, and welcomes opportunities to engage with the Albanese Government on infrastructure planning in this area.
- 3.3. Anthropic supports the Albanese Government's *Expectations for data centres and AI infrastructure developers* and will align its Australian operations with those expectations.

4. Promoting supply chain security

- 4.1. Forecasting infrastructure needs for frontier AI development and deployment in Australia and the broader region and collaborating on sustainable solutions that can establish Australia as a trusted regional hub.

5. Supporting a vibrant domestic ecosystem

- 5.1. Powering the next generation of startups to compete globally, and supporting research, education, and skilling initiatives, including for small to-medium-enterprises. This could include collaborating with the National AI Centre (NAIC) and the Future Skills Organisation (FSO).
- 5.2. Anthropic intends to take steps towards ensuring benefits to local industry and researchers through access to its infrastructure and will promote and support skills development for workers.
- 5.3. Explore opportunities for collaboration with the Australian Public Service (APS) to support delivery of the APS AI Plan, including through capability building, ensuring Anthropic models reflect democratic values, and identifying practical opportunities to support adoption of priority use cases.

This MOU is intended as a statement of intent and is not intended to have legal effect.

It does not confer any preferential treatment in Commonwealth procurement processes, grant programs, or regulatory decisions, nor does it limit the Commonwealth's ability to engage in similar interactions with other companies or organisations, nor commit either party to future arrangements. The parties may establish separate arrangements to support specific areas of collaboration consistent with this MOU.

OFFICIAL

Signed on

For the Commonwealth of Australia as
represented by the Department of
Industry, Science and Resources, by:

For Anthropic PBC, by:

Signature:

Signature:

Name:

Name:

Role:

Role:

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

s 47C & s 47E(d)

OFFICIAL: Sensitive

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA,
AS REPRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES
(the Australian Government)
and
Anthropic PBC (Anthropic)
on
COLLABORATION ON AI OPPORTUNITIES

The Australian Government's National AI Plan establishes a framework for action, guiding government, industry, research and the community to work together to capture the full benefits of AI for Australians.

This Memorandum of Understanding (**MOU**) states the shared understanding and intent of the Government and Anthropic to collaborate on progressing the National AI Plan's goals of capturing the opportunities of AI, spreading the benefits, and keeping Australians safe.

1. The social and economic importance of AI to Australia

- 1.1. The Australian Government and Anthropic share a positive vision for the potential of AI to drive economic growth, accelerate scientific progress, and enhance the delivery of services for the Australian people if it is responsibly harnessed and deployed in accordance with our shared values.
- 1.2. As a trusted partner in the Indo-Pacific region with world-class research institutions, robust democratic values, and a thriving technology sector, Australia is uniquely positioned to shape the responsible development and deployment of frontier AI technologies both regionally and globally.
- 1.3. Anthropic is committed to upholding Australia's laws and values so as to maintain strong social licence for investment.
- 1.4. To that end, the parties intend to cooperate and align efforts in the following ways.

2. Tracking frontier AI progress and promoting safety

- 2.1. Technical exchanges and collaborations with safety and security institutions, including Australia's AI Safety Institute, to promote a shared understanding of emerging AI capabilities, opportunities, and risks relevant to safety and national security.
- 2.2. Anthropic will also explore opportunities to expand its presence in Australia and to collaborate with Australian research and academic institutions, including on AI safety research.

3. Harnessing productivity and addressing economic impacts:

- 3.1. Drawing on Anthropic's Economic Index to examine AI's productivity benefits and its broader economic and social impacts, with particular attention to sectors central to the Australian economy: natural resources, agriculture, healthcare, and financial services.
- 3.2. Anthropic recognises the importance of expanding Australia's energy supply and transmission, with a focus on firmed renewables, and welcomes opportunities to engage with the Australian Government on infrastructure planning in this area.
- 3.3. Anthropic supports the Australian Government's *Expectations for data centres and AI infrastructure developers* and will align its Australian operations with those expectations.

4. Promoting supply chain security

- 4.1. Forecasting infrastructure needs for frontier AI development and deployment in Australia and the broader region and collaborating on sustainable solutions that can establish Australia as a trusted regional hub.

5. Supporting a vibrant domestic ecosystem

- 5.1. Powering the next generation of startups to compete globally, and supporting research, education, and skilling initiatives, including for small to-medium-enterprises. This could include collaborating with the National AI Centre (NAIC) and the Future Skills Organisation (FSO).
- 5.2. Anthropic intends to take steps towards ensuring benefits to local industry and researchers through access to its infrastructure and will promote and support skills development for workers.
- 5.3. Explore opportunities for collaboration with the Australian Public Service (APS) to support delivery of the APS AI Plan, including through capability building, ensuring Anthropic models reflect democratic values, and identifying practical opportunities to support adoption of priority use cases.

This MOU is intended as a statement of intent and is not intended to have legal effect.

It does not confer any preferential treatment in Commonwealth procurement processes, grant programs, or regulatory decisions, nor does it limit the Commonwealth's ability to engage in similar interactions with other companies or organisations, nor commit either party to future arrangements. The parties may establish separate arrangements to support specific areas of collaboration consistent with this MOU.

Signed on

For the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources, by:

For Anthropoc PBC, by:

Signature:

s 47F

Signature:

s 47F

s 47F

Name:

Name:

s 47F

s 47F

Role:

Role: