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Nomination for Open Government Forum

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I am interested in participating in the upcoming Open Government Forum.

My professional background is primarily as a systems administrator, working on core infrastructure at Google and Atlassian. More recently I worked as a developer and then team manager on a large open-source project for Hewlett-Packard Enterprise.

Outside of my career, I have volunteered my time as an advocate for open source. I've been elected to the boards of the Sydney Linux Users Group and Linux Australia and was part of the team which ran linux.conf.au in Sydney in January 2018.

While these don't directly speak to the selection criteria for members of the OGF, I have been interested in and supporting the goals of the OGF for over a decade. As a Google employee, I helped host the first OpenAustralia Foundation hackfest in 2009, and I've remained in contact with the Foundation ever since. I've supported the foundation in various ways, including assisting with additional sponsorship from Google and participating in various hackfests and meetups.

Most recently I've started working part-time for the OpenAustralia foundation, while working on a Master of Not-For-Profit management at UTS.

I believe that my IT background gives me expertise relevant to the OGP, as I have a working knowledge of what is required to build and maintain the IT infrastructure needed to support Open Government initiatives.

In serving with Linux Australia and running linux.conf.au, I've had to engage with community networks across Australia.

Through a decade of contact with the founders of the OpenAustralia Foundation, and my current employment at the Foundation, I believe I can contribute to the desired continuity between successive forums.

Yours sincerely,

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