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Open Government Partnership National Action Plan group  
DPMC

I would like to actively support the submission lodged by the Steering Committee of the Open Government Partnership Network and fully support the goals outlined.

The National Action Plan (NAP) is a great first step in setting in place the government's commitment to improving open government and it is important that the pressure is applied to ensure that good outcomes are achieved.

The lack of attention to improving the democratic processes especially in the area of transparency (FOI), anti-corruption measures and electoral reform around political donations, has meant an increase in unethical practices some to the point of criminal action.

Not only does Australia have to improve access to information but actively implement strong oversight and anti-corruption regimes to ensure the process is not just a window dressing exercise or a box to tick to demonstrate participation in the process.

I am confident that all those involved at departmental level and civil groups are committed to positive improvement in the system, let's hope our governing officials can muster some courage.

Thank you for all your efforts in putting this NAP together.

Yours sincerely  
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OGPAU supporter.