

TERMS OF REFERENCE

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)

Introduction	APRA has established the Technical Working Group (TWG) as a forum to support APRA's Data Collection Solution (DCS) project that will deliver a replacement solution for the Direct to APRA (D2A) tool through which reporting entities meet their reporting obligations by submitting data to APRA.
Functions and responsibilities of the TWG	 The objective of the TWG is to contribute to understanding and resolution of technology-related issues for implementation and transition to the new DCS. The TWG is a two-way advisory forum to assist with technical matters related to the design and implementation of the new data collection solution. It does this by: facilitating discussions to assess and review proposals and technologies; addressing technical issues relating to the implementation of the DCS; and providing oversight of implementation activities and readiness.
Composition and Chair of the TWG	APRA will chair and select members for the TWG. Members will be representative of a cross-section of stakeholder groups, will provide technical expertise, and be appointed in a personal capacity for the duration of the DCS project. Members are expected to have a high level of personal and professional integrity, work together and bring a broad perspective to issues, rather than solely that of a particular stakeholder community. Members should declare any conflicts of interest as they arise. To encourage openness and the sharing of information, participants are free to use the information discussed, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), will be revealed



	Members will be required to meet their own costs of attending meetings and contributing to the work of the TWG. They will not be paid consultancy or sitting fees.
Attendees at TWG meetings	The group may invite observers to attend meetings. The TWG may invite attendees to its meetings to assist in its deliberations.
Frequency and conduct of TWG meetings	<i>Frequency</i> The TWG will meet monthly. Meetings may be held more or less frequently at the discretion of the Chair
Decision making	The TWG advisory only and has no decision making authority.
Administrative arrangements	Secretariat The TWG will be supported by a Secretariat located within APRA. The Secretariat will be responsible for the preparation and circulation of relevant papers including agendas and minutes. APRA will publish a summary of meeting outcomes on its website.
Location	Location The TWG will be held face-to-face in APRA's Sydney offices, or via video conference, as determined by the Chair.