

ARNECC's Decision on Interoperability

ARNECC supports competition amongst Electronic Lodgment Network Operators (ELNOs) in the Australian eConveyancing market.

Several years ago, ARNECC commenced its Interoperability Program to enable greater competition amongst ELNOs. ARNECC achieved considerable progress in developing interoperability with the support and collaboration of many stakeholders across the industry. However, as noted in the Ministers' Statement of 26 June 2024, significant issues were raised by the banking industry as part of this program of work. It is clear that the Interoperability Program faces significant challenges in delivering a solution that will be acceptable to industry and achieve its purpose of promoting competition without these issues being resolved.

As a result, ARNECC has paused the design, build and test working groups for the Interoperability Program and stood down the Interoperability Project Team for the time being.

Individual jurisdictions will continue to analyse and research options and the issues identified. As the two jurisdictions scheduled to implement interoperability first, NSW and Qld are undertaking work in this space and considering the implications of the pause of the design, build and test work of the Interoperability Program and next steps for the reform.

ARNECC continues to monitor these developments and will advise industry of any further decision regarding the Interoperability Program in due course.

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