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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to the Fighting SMS Scams consultation paper. Our response follows.

The Attorney-General's Department supports the efforts of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to combat scams and protect Australians from identity crime through measures such as the proposed SMS Sender ID Registry. The department notes this work aligns with the objectives of the *National Strategy for Identity Resilience* which contains 10 principles and 8 practical initiatives to strengthen identity infrastructure across Australia and build resilient identities that are hard to steal and, if compromised, easy to restore. The department is working with Commonwealth, state and territory governments to implement the initiatives under the strategy.

An example is the medium-term *Mobile Phone Trust Scores* initiative. Once implemented, this initiative will allow telecommunication providers to assign trust scores to mobile phone numbers based on specified risk factors. The trust score will help prevent the use of mobile phones to facilitate fraud.

We will continue to work with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to protect Australians and Australian businesses, prevent scams and fraud, and strengthen Australian economic resilience.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this feedback further, please contact the Identity and Biometrics Policy Branch at: identity.security@ag.gov.au.

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