

From: s47E(c) s47F
To: s47E(c) s47F
Cc: s47E(c) s47F
Subject: MOWA mtg brief/ Open Care Tech announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 22 March 2024 2:50:40 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[220324 updated MC24-002248.docx](#)

Hi ^{s47E(c) s47F}

I have incorporated what you asked, however you may not be aware the program has already been rolled out (see links below) which may again change what you would like drafted.

Inside Ageing

<https://insideageing.com.au/open-source-software-for-in-home-aged-care-providers/>

St George & Sutherland Shire Leader

<https://www.theleader.com.au/story/8562095/new-future-fit-collective-initiative-revolutionises-in-home-care-providers/>

Australian Technology News

<https://www.techbusinessnews.com.au/news/future-fit-collective-announces-open-source-software/>

And I wasn't sure if you meant for me to claim the PDS, instead I have saved a new copy and attached above.

Please let me know if you need it adjusted again

From: s47E(c) s47F

Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 8:24 AM

To: s47E(c) s47F

Cc: s47E(c) s47F

Subject: Fwd: MOWA mtg brief/ Open Care Tech announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hey ^{s47E(c) s47F}

You know that min corro from s47F you drafted. Can you update it to say something along the lines of

- at an appropriate time, we welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you. There are some concerns about x,y,z (see email below).

- we would expect that this tech isn't rolled out until the department makes some decisions on reforms to meal services.

Thank you!

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From: CONNOLLY, Thea <Thea.Connolly@health.gov.au>

Date: 21 March 2024 at 8:16:58 am AEDT

Subject: MOWA mtg brief/ Open Care Tech announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

To: ^{s47F} [@Health.gov.au](#), Minister Wells DLO

s47E(d) [@Health.gov.au](#)>

Cc: s47E(c) s47F [@health.gov.au](#), s47E(c) s47F,

s47E(c) s47F @health.gov.au>,s47E(d)

@Health.gov.au>

Hi s47F, MOWA (s47F mtg brief attached) it's on its way in PDMS, also see below for a note I sent to the Open Care Tech proponents last night. I have not had a response to this not to my call/voicemail. Thea

From: CONNOLLY, Thea

Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 5:40 PM

To: s47F

enquiries@futurefitcollective.net.au

Cc: s47E(c) s47F

@health.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Open Care Tech announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s47F

We were surprised to receive this from Minister Wells's office given your last email to the minister advised that you would reach out to her further on this to share your vision in more detail. We respectfully request that you hold off on your planned announcement until you have spoken to us about your plan in more detail. We have a range of questions, in particular:

- What specifically does Open Care Tech do, what are the benefits to organisations?
- How is Privacy and data security maintained
- This looks like it could be a duplication of existing software if it only offers basic operational support.
- What tech developers have been engaged to contribute to software development.

Regards

Thea

Thea Connolly

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From: s47F

Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7:32 AM

To: Minister Wells <Minister.Wells@Health.gov.au>; Minister.Wells@aph.gov.au

Cc: s47F Health.gov.au>; s47F

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From: [CONNOLLY, Thea](#)
To: s47E(c) s47F
Subject: FW: Open Care Tech announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2024 2:46:55 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Media release UNDER EMBARGO UNTIL 12.01AM 21 MARCH 2024.docx](#)

What do we think of this, weren't they going to talk with us/the minister more about this, that's how I read the email to the Minister.

From: s47F

Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 2:28 PM

To: CONNOLLY, Thea ; s47E(c) s47F

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To: s47F ; [CONNOLLY, Thea](#)
Subject: RE: Open Care Tech announcement [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2024 2:44:59 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hey s47F – happy to chat about this one

Many thanks,

s47E(c) s47F

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To: s47E(c) s47F
Subject: MC24-002248 : PDMS Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 18 March 2024 4:15:46 PM

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s47E(c) s47F has assigned [MC24-002248](#) to **Thea CONNOLLY**.
 Click on the above link to open the record in Microsoft Edge.

Record details*	
Subject	Future fit meal services
Type	Departmental Reply
Processing Instructions	Hi Thea, for your signature please. Thanks!
Milestones	Due for Clearance: 8/03/2024 12:00:02 PM Due to Parliamentary: 8/03/2024 2:00:02 PM Due to Ministers Office: 12/03/2024 5:00:02 PM Critical Date:
Responsible Area	Ageing and Aged Care Home and Residential
Status	Draft

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From: noreply@pws.gov.au
To: s47E(c) s47F
Subject: MC24-002248 : PDMS Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 15 March 2024 12:35:39 PM

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Record details*	
Subject	Future fit meal services
Type	Departmental Reply
Processing Instructions	15/03 - for Thea's review
Milestones	Due for Clearance: 8/03/2024 12:00:02 PM Due to Parliamentary: 8/03/2024 2:00:02 PM Due to Ministers Office: 12/03/2024 5:00:02 PM Critical Date:
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Subject: MC24-002248 : PDMS Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 28 February 2024 5:00:21 PM

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Record details*	
Subject	Future fit meal services
Type	Departmental Reply
Processing Instructions	s47E(c) s47F, attachments added as discussed
Milestones	Due for Clearance: 8/03/2024 12:00:02 PM Due to Parliamentary: 8/03/2024 2:00:02 PM Due to Ministers Office: 12/03/2024 5:00:02 PM Critical Date:
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From: s47E(c) s47F
To: s47E(c) s47F
Cc: s47E(c) s47F
Subject: RE: Work work work [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 26 February 2024 4:18:15 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi s47E(c) s47F, notes below in blue on work set, plus additional activities

From: s47E(c) s47F

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:46 PM

To: s47E(c) s47F

Cc: s47E(c) s47F

Subject: Work work work [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Additional

- [MC24-002248](#) - assigned to me by s47E(c) s47F returned to s47E(c) s47F completed and I have CCd you in

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From: noreply@pws.gov.au
To: s47E(c) s47F
Subject: MC24-002248 : PDMS Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 26 February 2024 3:39:16 PM

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Subject	Future fit meal services
Type	Departmental Reply
Processing Instructions	s47E(c) s47F drafted reply as requested
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Subject: MC24-002248 : PDMS Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 12 February 2024 5:05:13 PM

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Subject	Future fit meal services
Type	Departmental Reply
Processing Instructions	Hi ^{s47E(c) s47F} Rusty asked I send through to you. Thanks. ^{s47E(c) s47F}
Milestones	Due for Clearance: 8/03/2024 12:00:02 PM Due to Parliamentary: 8/03/2024 2:00:02 PM Due to Ministers Office: 12/03/2024 5:00:02 PM Critical Date:
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Subject: MC24-002248 : PDMS Notification - Record Assigned [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2024 9:01:47 AM

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Processing Instructions	^{s47E(c) s47F} I have signed the corro, but i note that there are unrelated attachments in this record. please remove (OPD/Att A), and dispatch
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