

Consultation on expanded use of automated processes by IP Australia

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We support the implementation of Option 3, as proposed in the public consultation document and outlined below, which would enable IP Australia to:

- make simple, high-volume decisions involving no exercise of judgement, where clear rules are applied with rigid criteria; and
- perform specific non-discretionary actions following from an earlier decision, action or lack of action

Option 3 – authorise automated processes to make decisions, as prescribed in the Regulations

This option would amend the patents, trademarks, designs and PBR legislation to enable decisions and actions that relate to a delegate's exercise of a power or an obligation to be made by automated processes as prescribed in the Regulations. The Regulations would prescribe only simple, non-discretionary actions. This would enable IP Australia to introduce automated processes for actions such as those listed in both Attachments A and B.

Yours sincerely,


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