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## Dear First Minister

On behalf of the State of Victoria, Australia, it is my pleasure to write and advise you of our Government's intent to undertake an innovative approach to procurement, inspired by programs including the Scottish Government Digital Directorate's CivTech program.

I would like to thank the CivTech team and pay special mention to Alexander Holt who met with the Victorian Government Special Minister of State, Gavin Jennings MLC last year. Mr Holt helped us to better understand the CivTech model and explored the opportunity for the Scottish and Victorian Governments to collaborate on innovative procurement models. The Victorian Government's Public Sector Innovation branch has since worked with CivTech, LaunchVic and others to inform the development of our own CivVic Accelerator project. We anticipate this will result in an innovative procurement model for Victoria.

Collaborative procurement models that combine public sector expertise and private sector creativity to solve public sector problems are a key focus for our Government. I am delighted that the CivVic team will continue their relationship with CivTech to exchange lessons learnt and support each other's development.

Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to our two governments continuing to work together.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP

Premier

cc. Gavin Jennings MLC, Special Minister of State
The Hon Phillip Dalidakis MP, Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy

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