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Executive Summary

Purpose and Context

This report summarises the work performed by the Intelligence and Partner Analytics team in supporting the Cryptocurrency Taskforce (“the Taskforce”) during December 2024 – April 2025.

The Taskforce was established by the AUSTRAC CEO on 30 September 2024 to address increased money laundering and financial crime risks related to cryptocurrency (as highlighted in the AUSTRAC’s National Risk Assessment 2024). The Taskforce’s objectives was to harden cryptocurrency Automatic Teller Machines (“crypto ATMs” “CATMs”) against criminal misuse and enhance compliance by our reporting entities operating CATMs.

To support the Taskforce, we performed our work across three work streams. Our work:

- 1) Informed Taskforce policy that was developed around the imposition of conditions. For example, our analysis revealed a particular vulnerability that can be addressed via a condition;
- 2) Informed the Taskforce’s understanding of inherent risks in the industry, which supported regulatory decision making; and
- 3) Informed measures of success for the Taskforce, using a benchmark process for data prior to the establishment of the Taskforce. We will then compare to metrics/measures after Taskforce actions have been taken (next estimated collection is December 2025 as of the time of this report).

Report Structure

The scope, results, and conclusions from the work across all three work streams are summarised in this section (Executive Summary).

There is a section for each work stream that details the data, methodologies, and results of that stream. The purpose of these individual sections is to provide the detail, specifications and rationale behind the results that are consolidated in this section – as well as state the assumptions and limitations underlying the methodologies.

Scope

The data and analytics work performed comprised of **three Work Streams**:

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