

Data#3 Innovation Fund Set to Fortify Digital Transformation in WA Government Sector

June 21, 2021; Perth, Australia: Leading Australian technology services and solutions provider, Data#3, today announced that it has launched Project Fortify, a security initiative for the WA Government Sector, via an exclusive online event.

The event, which took place last Friday and hosted a large number of agencies, presented how Project Fortify will play a pivotal role in accelerating the cybersecurity posture within the WA Government Sector. It covered how Data#3 will assist with deploying security services across key domains including security operations, Essential 8 compliance, legacy systems risk assessment and more.

Supported by the Office of Digital Government and the Department of Finance, the security outcomes will be achieved by leveraging a Digital Innovation Fund - a unique initiative created by Data#3 through the WA Government Microsoft Licensing Agreement. The fund was established to assist with maximising the value of Microsoft technologies to help drive digital transformation in the WA Government Sector.

Data#3 Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Laurence Baynham, commented, "We have a long-standing history of working with the Australian Public Sector to deliver real business value. Security is a business imperative and we continue to place significant investment into our dedicated Security Practice and security solutions. Cybersecurity has ranked the number one priority for our customers over the last four years, and we will continue to adapt to fast changing security requirements."

Peter Bouhlas, WA Chief Information Security Officer at the Office of Digital Government, said, "This is a great opportunity for agencies with limited resources to accelerate their cybersecurity maturity and improve the public sector's resilience to cyberthreats."

Data#3 General Manager for Western Australia, Kingsley McGarrigle, commented, "We're proud to support the WA Government as they accelerate their cybersecurity posture. Together with the Office of Digital Government and the Department of Finance, we aim to protect the integrity of government systems and to grow cybersecurity maturity across the sector. The Digital Innovation Fund will allow the WA Government to access our local experts. I look forward to seeing the team at Data#3 leveraging their extensive skills to assist the WA Government in achieving their security objectives through maximising their Microsoft technology investment."

Combining the experience of a dedicated strategic consulting team, as well as hands-on cybersecurity specialists, Data#3 has one of the most mature and highly accredited security teams in Australia. As Microsoft's largest Australian partner, and a Microsoft Gold Security Partner, Data#3's team is recognised as a leader in securing environments with the Microsoft Security portfolio.

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Project Fortify event presenters (L to R): Peter Bouhlas, WA Chief Information Security Officer, Office of Digital Government; Kingsley McGarrigle, General Manager for Western Australia, Data#3; Ameen Al-Majzoub, Security Specialist, Data#3 and Ian Christie, Principle Consultant, Business Aspect.

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Leading Australian IT services and solutions provider, Data#3 Limited (DTL), is focused on helping customers solve complex business challenges using innovative technology solutions.

Built on a foundation of over 40 years' experience, combined with world-leading vendor technologies, Data#3 delivers an integrated array of solutions spanning cloud, mobility, security, data & analytics and connectivity. These technology solutions are delivered by combining Data#3's services across consulting, project services and managed services.

Listed on the ASX in 1997, Data#3 reported revenues of \$1.6 billion in the 2020 financial year and has more than 1,200 employees. Headquartered in Brisbane, it has facilities across 12 locations in Australia and Fiji.

More information about Data#3 and its solution and service offerings is available at www.data3.com.au