1. PURPOSE OF OUR POLICY

1.1. Apromore Pty Ltd, ABN: 51635938760 (we, us or our) has adopted this Privacy Policy to ensure that we have standards in place to protect the Personal Information that we collect about individuals that is necessary and incidental to:

(a) Providing the software and services that we offer; and
(b) The normal day-to-day operations of our business.

1.2. This Privacy Policy follows the standards of both:

(a) The Australian Privacy Principles set by the Australian Government for the handling of Personal Information under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (Privacy Act); and
(b) The regulations and principles set by the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for the handling of Personal Data.

1.3. By publishing this Privacy Policy, we aim to make it easy for our customers and the public to understand what Personal Information we collect and store, why we do so, how we receive, obtain, store and/or use that information, and the rights of control an individual has with respect to their Personal Information in our possession.

2. WHO AND WHAT THIS POLICY APPLIES TO

2.1. Our Privacy Policy deals with how we handle “personal information” and “personal data” as it is defined in the Privacy Act and the GDPR respectively (Personal Information).

2.2. We handle Personal Information in our own right and also for and on behalf of our customers and users.

2.3. Our Privacy Policy does not apply to information we collect about businesses or companies, however it does apply to information about the people in those businesses or companies which we store.

2.4. The Privacy Policy applies to all forms of information, physical and digital, whether collected or stored electronically or in hardcopy.

2.5. If, at any time, an individual provides Personal Information or other information about someone other than themselves, the individual warrants that they have that person’s consent to provide such information for the purpose specified.

2.6. We consider the protection of privacy of children very important. Our services and our website are not directed at children. We do not knowingly collect personal data from children under the age of 16 without obtaining parental consent. If an individual is under 16 years of age, then they should not use or access the service at any time or in any manner. If we learn that Personal Information has been collected on the service from persons under 16 years of age and without verifiable parental consent, then we will take the appropriate steps to delete such information.

3. THE INFORMATION WE COLLECT

3.1. Without limitation, the type of information we may collect is:

(a) Personal Information. We may collect personal details such as an individual’s
name, location, date of birth, nationality, family details, image and other information defined as "Personal Information" in the Privacy Act that allows us to identify who the individual is;

(b) **Contact Information.** We may collect information such as an individual’s email address, telephone & fax number, third-party usernames, residential, business and postal address and other information that allows us to contact the individual;

(c) **Financial Information.** We may collect financial information related to an individual such as any bank or credit card details used to transact with us and other information that allows us to transact with the individual and/or provide them with our services;

(d) **Statistical Information.** We may collect information about an individual’s online and offline preferences, habits, movements, trends, decisions, associations, memberships, finances, purchases and other information for statistical purposes; and

(e) **Information an individual sends us.** We may collect any personal correspondence that an individual sends us, or that is sent to us by others about the individual’s activities.

32. We may collect other Personal Information about an individual, which we will maintain in accordance with this Privacy Policy.

33. We may also collect non–Personal Information about an individual such as information regarding their computer, network and browser. Where non–Personal Information is collected, the Australian Privacy Principles and the GDPR do not apply.

4. **HOW INFORMATION IS COLLECTED**

4.1 Most information will be collected in association with an individual’s use of our software (Apromore), an enquiry about Apromore, the use of our website, or generally dealing with us. However, we may also receive Personal Information from sources such as advertising, an individual’s own promotions, public records, mailing lists, contractors, staff, recruitment agencies and our business partners. In particular, information is likely to be collected as follows:

(a) **Registrations/Subscriptions.** When an individual registers or subscribes for a service, account, connection or other process whereby they enter Personal Information details in order to receive or access something, including a transaction;

(b) **Supply.** When an individual supplies us with goods or services;

(c) **Contact.** When an individual contacts us in any way;

(d) **Access.** When an individual accesses us physically we may require them to provide us with details for us to permit them such access. When an individual accesses us through the internet we may collect information using cookies (see Cookie Policy discussed below) or analytical services; and/or **Pixel Tags.** Pixel tags enable us to send email messages in a format customers can read and they tell us whether mail has been opened.

4.2 As there are many circumstances in which we may collect information both electronically and physically, we will endeavour to ensure that an individual is always aware of when their Personal Information is being collected.
4.3. Where we obtain Personal Information without an individual’s knowledge (such as by accidental acquisition from a client) we will either delete/destroy the information, or inform the individual that we hold such information, in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles and the GDPR.

5. WHEN PERSONAL INFORMATION IS USED & DISCLOSED

5.1. In general, the primary principle is that we will not use any Personal Information other than for the purpose for which it was collected other than with the individual’s permission. The purpose of collection is determined by the circumstances in which the information was collected and/or submitted.

5.2. We will only process Personal Information when we can identify a lawful basis to do so. It is always our responsibility to ensure that we can demonstrate which lawful basis applies to the particular processing purpose.

5.3. The most common lawful bases relied upon are:

(a) Consent we will only rely upon express, clear and informed consent. Any consent provided may specify and/or restrict the purpose and can be withdrawn at any time without penalty. We will keep a record of when and how we got consent from an individual.

(b) Legitimate interests we will only rely upon an identifiable legitimate interest where we can demonstrate that the processing of Personal Information is necessary to achieve it by balancing it against the individual’s interests, rights and freedoms. We will keep a record of our legitimate interests’ assessments.

5.4. We will retain Personal Information for the period necessary to fulfil the purposes outlined in this Privacy Policy unless a longer retention period is required or permitted by law.

5.5. We will not disclose or sell an individual’s Personal Information to unrelated third parties under any circumstances, unless the prior written consent of the individual is obtained.

5.6. Information is used to enable us to operate our business, especially as it relates to an individual. This may include:

(a) The provision of goods and services between an individual and us;

(b) Verifying an individual’s identity;

(c) Communicating with an individual about:
   i. Their relationship with us;
   ii. Our goods and services;
   iii. Our own marketing and promotions to customers and prospects;
   iv. Competitions, surveys and questionnaires;

(d) Investigating any complaints about or made by an individual, or if we have reason to suspect that an individual is in breach of any of our terms and conditions or that an individual is or has been otherwise engaged in any unlawful activity;

(e) To protect the safety of an individual or the safety and integrity of our services
including detecting, preventing or otherwise addressing security, technical or fraud issues; and/or

(f) As required or permitted by any law (including the Privacy Act).

5.7. The individual shall have the right to object at any time to the processing of their Personal Information for direct marketing purposes, which includes profiling to the extent that it is related to such direct marketing. If we receive such a request, we will stop the processing of Personal Information for direct marketing purposes immediately without charge or penalty.

5.8. There are some circumstances in which we must disclose an individual’s information:

(a) Where we reasonably believe that an individual may be engaged in fraudulent, deceptive or unlawful activity that a governmental authority should be made aware of;

(b) As required by any law (including the Privacy Act); and/or

(c) In order to sell our business (in that we may need to transfer Personal Information to a new owner).

5.9. We will not disclose an individual’s Personal Information to any entity outside of Australia that is in a jurisdiction that does not have a similar regime to the Australian Privacy Principles or an implemented and enforceable privacy policy similar to this Privacy Policy. We will take reasonable steps to ensure that any disclosure to an entity outside of Australia will not be made until that entity has agreed in writing with us to safeguard Personal Information as we do.

5.10. We may disclose Personal Information with any of our parent companies, subsidiaries, joint ventures, or other companies under a common control. In the event we are involved in a sale of assets, acquisition or merger, we may disclose Personal Information to such entities that we propose to be acquired by or we propose to merge with and require them to honour this Privacy Policy.

5.11. We may disclose Personal Information to contracted third-party service providers who provide us services such as information technology, web hosting, customer management, customer support, advertising, market research and data enrichment. These third-party service providers are required not to use Personal Information other than to provide the services requested by us. These service providers may be located outside of Australia.

6. COOKIE POLICY

6.1 Cookies are small text files that are stored on your computer, mobile or other device, when you visit a website. Cookies are widely used to allow websites and applications to perform essential functions, to work more efficiently and to assist in managing customized settings (e.g. your preferred language) by remembering certain information about you, either for a single visit (using a “session cookie”) or for repeat visits (using a “persistent cookie”). The information collected from the use of cookies may include Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, browser types, device types, the pages visited on a website and on third-party websites.

6.2 We may use cookies and other technologies such as “web beacons” or “pixels” on our websites, online advertisements, and email messages we send. We use these technologies to:

(a) ensure our websites are operating properly by enabling essential functions that allow you to navigate around a website, to use website features and to store preferences set by you such as your preferred language (“Necessary Cookies”).
These cookies do not store personally identifiable information.

(b) measure and analyse website traffic and interactions with our website content, online advertisements or email messages ("Statistics Cookies"). This includes information such as where the website visitor has come from (eg. search engines, referring domains), pages viewed, how many times a visitor has been on a website and any errors or issues encountered by the visitor. These cookies help us optimise our websites and enhance user experience by allowing us to identify errors and to understand content popularity. Information collected by Statistics Cookies is aggregated anonymously and therefore cannot identify you as an individual.

(c) enable customised user experience by displaying content that is relevant to you and your interests based on your interaction with our websites, other websites and our marketing campaigns ("Targeting Cookies"). Targeting Cookies generally track IP addresses or similar identifiers, and we treat this type of information as non-personal information. To the extent that IP addresses or similar identifiers are considered personal information by local law, we will treat these identifiers as personal information.

(d) enable social sharing features on our websites ("Social Sharing Cookies") to allow you to share our content to your network and to “follow” us on social media. Social sharing features are run by third parties and these third parties may use cookies when you use social sharing features on our websites. Social Sharing Cookies may collect personal information that you have voluntarily disclosed (eg. your username for a social media).

(e) enable us to send content via email messages to individuals in a format that can be read and to allow us to determine whether an email was opened. This information may be used by us to reduce or eliminate the number and types of email messages we send.

6.3. You can prevent a browser from accepting cookies or delete cookies previously stored by selecting the appropriate settings on your browser preferences settings. For assistance on how to set your browser preferences, contact your browser provider. Please note that by blocking or deleting cookies, your user experience may be impacted when utilising services such as our websites.

7. THIRD PARTY WEBSITES

7.1. There may be links on our website that will direct you to external third party websites or other locations that may collect personal information from you. This Privacy Policy does not apply to these outside websites or locations, or to any information that is collected after you click on such links to these outside websites.

8. OPTING "IN" OR "OUT"

8.1. An individual may opt to not have us collect and/or process their Personal Information. This may prevent us from offering them some or all of our services and may terminate their access to some or all of the services they access with or through us. They will be aware of this when:

(a) Opt In. Where relevant, the individual will have the right to choose to have information collected and/or receive information from us (for clarity, consent must involve an unambiguous positive action to opt in); or

(b) Opt Out. Where relevant, the individual will have the right to choose to exclude
himself or herself from some or all collection of information and/or receiving information from us.

8.2. If an individual believes that they have received information from us that they did not opt in or out to receive, they should contact us using the details as set out in section 13 below.

9. THE SAFETY & SECURITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

9.1. We may appoint a Data Protection Officer to oversee the management of this Privacy Policy and compliance with the Australian Privacy Principles, the Privacy Act and the GDPR. This officer may have other duties within our business and also be assisted by internal and external professionals and advisors.

9.2. We will take all reasonable precautions to protect an individual’s Personal Information from unauthorised access. This includes appropriately securing our physical facilities and electronic networks.

9.3. We use SSL encryption to store and transfer Personal Information. Despite this, the security of online transactions and the security of communications sent by electronic means or by post cannot be guaranteed. Each individual that provides information to us via the internet or by post does so at their own risk. We cannot accept responsibility for misuse or loss of, or unauthorised access to, Personal Information where the security of information is not within our control.

9.4. We are not responsible for the privacy or security practices of any third party (including third parties that we are permitted to disclose an individual’s Personal Information to in accordance with this policy or any applicable laws), unless otherwise required by the Privacy Act and the GDPR. The collection and use of an individual’s information by such third parties may be subject to separate privacy and security policies.

9.5. If an individual suspects any misuse or loss of, or unauthorised access to, their Personal Information, they should let us know immediately.

9.6. We are not liable for any loss, damage or claim arising out of another person’s use of the Personal Information where we were authorised to provide that person with the Personal Information.

9.7. Where there is a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, Personal Information, then:

(a) We will immediately establish the likelihood and severity of the resulting risk to wider rights and freedoms of natural persons;

(b) If we determine there is a risk from the security breach, then we will immediately notify the relevant supervisory authority and provide all relevant information on the particular breach, and by no later than 72 hours after having first become aware of the breach;

(c) If we determine there is a high risk from the security breach (a higher threshold than set for notifying supervisory authorities), we will immediately notify the affected individuals and provide all relevant information on the particular breach without undue delay.

9.8. We will document the facts relating to any security breach, its effects and the remedial action taken, and investigate the cause of the breach and how to prevent similar situations in the future.
10. HOW TO ACCESS, UPDATE AND/OR REMOVE INFORMATION

10.1. Subject to the Australian Privacy Principles and the GDPR, an individual has the right to request from us the Personal Information that we have about them, and we have an obligation to provide them with such information as soon as practicable, and by no later than 28 days of receiving the written request. The individual is free to retain and reuse their Personal Information for their own purposes. We may be required to transmit the Personal Information directly to another organisation if this is technically feasible.

10.2. If an individual cannot update their own information, we will correct any errors in the Personal Information we hold about an individual within 28 days of receiving written notice from them about those errors, or two months where the request for rectification is complex.

10.3. It is an individual’s responsibility to provide us with accurate and truthful Personal Information. We cannot be liable for any information that is provided to us that is incorrect.

10.4. Where a request to access Personal Information is manifestly unfounded, excessive and/or repetitive, we may refuse to respond or charge an individual a reasonable fee for our costs incurred in meeting any of their requests to disclose the Personal Information we hold about them. Where we refuse to respond to a request, we will explain why to the individual, informing them of their right to complain to the supervisory authority and to a judicial remedy without undue delay and at the latest within 28 days.

10.5. We may be required to delete or remove all Personal Information we have on an individual upon request in the following circumstances:

(a) Where the Personal Information is no longer necessary in relation to the purpose for which it was originally collected and/or processed;

(b) When the individual withdraws consent;

(c) When the individual objects to the processing and there is no overriding legitimate interest for continuing the processing;

(d) The processing of the Personal Information was otherwise in breach of the GDPR;

(e) The Personal Information has to be erased in order to comply with a legal obligation; and/or

(f) The Personal Information is in relation to a child.

10.6. We may refuse to delete or remove all Personal Information we have on an individual where the Personal Information was processed for the following reasons:

(a) To exercise the right of freedom of expression and information;

(b) To comply with a legal obligation for the performance of a public interest task or exercise of official authority.

(c) For public health purposes in the public interest;

(d) The exercise or defense of legal claims.
11. COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES

11.1. If an individual has a complaint about our handling of their Personal Information, they should address their complaint in writing to the details below.

11.2. If we have a dispute regarding an individual’s Personal Information, we both should first attempt to resolve the issue directly between us.

11.3. An individual shall have the right to seek a judicial remedy where he or she considers that his or her rights under the GDPR have been infringed as a result of the processing of his or her Personal Information in non-compliance with the GDPR. Any proceedings should be commenced in Victoria, Australia, where we are established.

11.4. If we become aware of any unauthorised access to an individual’s Personal Information we will inform them at the earliest practical opportunity once we have established what was accessed and how it was accessed.

12. CONTACTING INDIVIDUALS

12.1. From time to time, we may send an individual important notices, such as changes to our terms, conditions and policies. Where such information is materially important to the individual’s interaction with us, they may not opt out of receiving these communications.

13. CONTACTING US

13.1. All correspondence with regards to privacy should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
Apromore Pty Ltd, ABN: 51635938760
Email: datapo@apromore.com

You may contact the Data Protection Officer via email in the first instance.

14. ADDITIONS TO THIS POLICY

14.1. If we decide to change this Privacy Policy, we will post the changes on our webpage at https://apromore.org/privacy-policy. Please refer back to this Privacy Policy to review any amendments.

14.2. We may do things in addition to what is stated in this Privacy Policy to comply with the Australian Privacy Principles and the GDPR, and nothing in this Privacy Policy shall deem us to have not complied with the Australian Privacy Principles and the GDPR.

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