

**From:** [Sam Farrell](#)  
**To:** [Sarah Dickson-Johansen](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Comment from the Minister for AAP FactCheck – claim about Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill  
**Date:** Tuesday, 9 August 2022 10:57:09 am

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**From:** Sam Farrell

**Sent:** Thursday, 7 April 2022 6:41 PM

**To:** Meghan Williams <[@xxx](#)>

**Subject:** RE: Comment from the Minister for AAP FactCheck – claim about Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill

Pleasure! You have a lovely evening too

**Sam Farrell** | Press Secretary

Office of Hon Dr David Clark

Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs | Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications | Minister for State Owned Enterprises | Minister of Statistics | Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission

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**From:** Meghan Williams <[xxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx](#)>

**Date:** Thursday, 07 Apr 2022, 6:29 PM

**To:** Sam Farrell <[xxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx>:xx](#)

**Subject:** Re: Comment from the Minister for AAP FactCheck – claim about Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill

Thanks so much Sam! Have a good evening.

Ngā mihi nui,

Meg

On Thu, 7 Apr 2022 at 18:21, Sam Farrell <[xxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx>:xx](#) wrote:

*To be attributed to the Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications:*

The claim that the [Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill](#) would allow government control over people's banking is false. There is nothing in the bill that specifically relates to banking.

Banks are interested in using digital identity services because of their identification requirements for new and existing customers. A number of banks were consulted through the development of the Trust Framework.

It's important to note the new framework will not require people to use the digital identity system.

The [Bill is at Select Committee stage](#) and over 4,500 people and organisations submitted on the Bill, including ANZ Bank and the NZ Bankers' Association.

More information on the Digital Identity Trust Framework is available online here: <https://www.digital.govt.nz/digital-government/programmes-and-projects/digital-identity-programme/trust-framework/>

**From:** Meghan Williams [mailto:[@xxx](#)]

**Sent:** Thursday, 7 April 2022 5:14 PM

**To:** Sam Farrell <[@xxx](#)>

**Subject:** Re: Comment from the Minister for AAP FactCheck – claim about Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill

No worries Sam, thanks for the update!

Meg

On Thu, 7 Apr 2022 at 16:52, Sam Farrell <xxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxx> wrote:

Hi Meghan,

Sorry for the slow reply regarding the below query. Will have an answer for you shortly!

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**From:** Meghan Williams [mailto:x@xx]

**Sent:** Thursday, 7 April 2022 2:00 PM

**To:** Sam Farrell <x@xx>

**Subject:** Comment from the Minister for AAP FactCheck – claim about Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill

Tēnā koe,

I'm writing from AAP FactCheck, and I'm currently investigating a claim made on social media this morning that the Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill would allow government control over people's banking. The claim was made in this video on Facebook, at about the 1 min 30 sec mark:

<https://www.facebook.com/ChantelleBakerNZ/videos/1336561776829716/>

Firstly, could I please get a comment from Minister Clark or the Minister's office about whether or not this claim is false?

Secondly, is there anything in the Bill that relates to banking that the claim could possibly be based on?

Thank you very much in advance for your time.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Meg Williams** | FactCheck Journalist



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**From:** [Caitlin Parr](#)  
**To:** [Sam Farrell](#); [Greta Easen](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Your comment for AAP FactCheck – claim about Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill  
**Date:** Thursday, 7 April 2022 4:31:32 pm

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- The claim that the [Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill](#) would allow government control over people's banking is **FALSE**. There is nothing in the bill that specifically relates to banking.
- Banks are interested in using digital identity services because of their identification requirements for new and existing customers. A number of banks were consulted through the development of the Trust Framework.
- The new framework will not require people to use the digital identity system.
- People will still be able to apply for services in person, over the phone, or by using physical credentials to show who they are when applying.
- Service providers do not have to seek accreditation.
- Digital identity service providers can still deliver their services without being accredited under the Trust Framework if they wish to.
- A trust mark will enable people and businesses to distinguish between accredited and non-accredited digital identity service providers.
- Accredited providers that do will follow rules that are based on existing standards and legislation in areas such as privacy and security.
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**From:** Sam Farrell  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 April 2022 2:07 PM  
**To:** Caitlin Parr <xxxxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>; Greta Easen <xxxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** RE: Your comment for AAP FactCheck – claim about Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill  
Can we get something on this asap please (this arvo). Want to dispel this as soon as we possibly can

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**From:** Caitlin Parr  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 April 2022 2:01 PM  
**To:** Greta Easen <[xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>; Sam Farrell <[xxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: Your comment for AAP FactCheck – claim about Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill

Thanks Greta.

Sam – what's your read on when we would need a response for this by?

(The claim is obviously false by the way! And there has been lots of consultation with banks.

There's lots of reasons why digital identity is interesting to them, but government control over banking is not one 😊)

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**From:** Greta Easen

**Sent:** Thursday, 7 April 2022 1:55 PM

**To:** Sam Farrell <[xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>; Caitlin Parr <[xxxxxx.xxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>

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Just getting Sam across this as well.

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**To:** Caitlin Parr <[xxxxxx.xxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>

**Subject:** FW: Your comment for AAP FactCheck – claim about Digital Identity Services Trust Framework Bill

Hello,

Is this one for you?

Thanks,

Greta

**From:** Meghan Williams [<mailto:xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx>]

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**To:** D Clark (MIN) <[x.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:x.xxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>

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