



# The Great Balancing Act: Technology and Geopolitics in the Asia-Pacific Region

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The world of applications, content, the internet and AI all depend on communications networks, submarine cables and data centres that make up digital public and private infrastructure. This ecosystem enables the digitisation that supports prosperity, inclusion, security and democracy itself.



But when we look at digitisation, we are presented with a messy regional narrative of significant gaps, risks and geopolitical tensions. This presents businesses with important choices to make and governments with an opportunity to update policies and regulatory frameworks.

According to Long Street Advisors, every dollar of investment that goes into closing such gaps opens up between five to twenty of new opportunity. There's a lot to be done. Much of it critical to Australia's and the region's future.

After introductory remarks from Luke Slattery, Director, Telecommunications Policy, DFAT, Mohammad Chowdhury, CEO of Long Street Advisors and Catherine Quaden, Consultant, will discuss the issues.



**Luke Slattery** is Director of Telecommunications Policy at DFAT and the Convenor of the APEC Telecommunications Security and Trust Steering Group. Luke has extensive experience in telecommunications policy, competition, security and resilience.

**Mohammad Chowdhury** is the Founder and CEO of [Long Street Advisors](#), a Council Member at AIIA Victoria and a Visiting Fellow at UTS. Mohammad's clients include governments, private clients, the UN Broadband Commission and the World Bank.



**Catherine Quaden** is a Consultant at Long Street Advisors. Catherine is a graduate in International Relations from University of Melbourne and an alumna of AIIA Victoria's internship programme.

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