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Dear Mr Allen

I would like to congratulate the Open BIM Alliance on the development of standard requirements for the open exchange of building modelling data.

As the broad potential of BIM becomes more widely understood, the need for a data exchange standard that can serve the range of users throughout the lifetime of a building or a precinct is becoming paramount.

The standard set out by OBA should greatly assist those who initiate a building project, particularly public and private sector organisations defining project requirements through a procurement process.

Moreover, the standard is consistent with the Federal Government's Open Source Software policy, which in part seeks to ensure that government system requirements are not limited to options dependent on proprietary software.

Those with experience in the field of computing are only too aware of the need to have data exchange standards that transcend rapidly changing technological and commercial environments. With buildings lasting for many decades and involving such a broad range of parties from concept through active use to ultimate demolition, there must be technologically neutral standards.

I believe the OBA standard is a major contribution to the long-term management of building information.

Yours sincerely



**Kate Lundy**