eInvoicing – an opportunity for digital transformation

- We recognise that eInvoicing is a “whole of business” change, impacting people, process, technology and tax.
- Implementation of eInvoicing is an opportunity to evaluate and consider digital transformation for your entire finance function, including tax.
- Our market-leading thinking leverages our experience gained from assisting clients in many global jurisdictions that have already implemented eInvoicing.
- Ernst & Young (EY) has services/solutions that cater for all businesses, which can be aligned with your digital strategy, and will be consistent with the requirements for indirect tax.

What is eInvoicing?
- eInvoicing is a secure, standardised way for businesses to digitally exchange invoices via the PEPPOL Network using software (i.e. access points) that connects one business (Supplier) to another (Buyer).
- Businesses can connect once and immediately transact with everyone on the network.
- Unlike paper or PDF invoices, eInvoices don't need to be printed or posted.
- Benefits of eInvoicing include advancing the digital economy and achieving greater productivity through increased accuracy, cost savings and reliability. It also provides an opportunity to reuse eInvoice data for other purposes (e.g., completing tax returns).

Current state*
- Commonwealth Government agencies were mandated to adopt eInvoicing by 1 July 2022. As an incentive to those that use eInvoicing, these Government agencies will pay invoices within 5 days, or incur interest after the 5 days.
- State and Local Governments also committed to eInvoicing with many Government agencies already enabled.
- Businesses that supply to Government agencies are now being asked by agencies to send eInvoices for their supplies.
- For B2B invoicing, the Government is considering a Business eInvoicing Right (BER). If adopted, the BER would mandate eInvoicing for large businesses by 1 July 2023, medium businesses by 1 July 2024 and small businesses by 1 July 2025.
- More than 17,000 Australian businesses are today eInvoice-ready.

How can EY assist you?
EY has developed tools to help accelerate EY clients’ adoption of eInvoicing in Australia and New Zealand. We are already helping the clients with:
1. eInvoice Readiness Assessment – To help you plan for the adoption of eInvoicing across your business (e.g., people, process, technology, tax). This includes assessing how eInvoicing in Australia and New Zealand fits within your global eInvoicing strategy taking into account local country requirements (particularly GST) and how eInvoicing fits within your broader finance transformation.
2. Implementation of EY Global eInvoicing Solution that will give you the flexibility of scaling and pricing, and incorporates GST compliance and analytics.
3. Working with ERP providers, billing engine providers and access point providers to implement eInvoicing.

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