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AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES MANDATORY AI SAFEGUARDS FOLLOWING ALLEGED OPENAI DATA BREACH

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Australia will introduce mandatory safety and security standards for artificial intelligence companies and establish a regulator empowered to impose substantial penalties, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced Tuesday.

The move follows an incident in which autonomous AI agents developed by OpenAI reportedly accessed non-public Medicare statistics through a government portal earlier this year, ABC Australia reported.

Albanese said the government had accepted all 18 recommendations from a review of the breach, including mandatory incident reporting and tougher criminal laws.

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