



Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre Factsheet

Recent cyber, trusted insider, supply chain and physical attacks demonstrate that there is a continual threat to Australia's critical infrastructure and essential services. Cyber incidents in particular are placing pressure on Australia's security (for example, ransomware attacks, deliberative denial of service attacks, phishing campaigns). Building the security and resilience of Australian critical infrastructure requires a collaborative partnership between governments, industry and non-government partners.

Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre

On 1 September 2021, the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre was established within the Department of Home Affairs. The Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre will bring together the Department of Home Affairs' capabilities focussed on aviation and maritime security, critical infrastructure protection and background checking.

The Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre will deliver a best practice, industry-focused, active and engaged regulatory and partnership function that works with industry to ensure Australia's critical infrastructure protection.

Functions of the Cyber Infrastructure Security Centre

The Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre will drive an all hazards regime of critical infrastructure protection enabled by a stronger focus on cyber security.

The Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre regulatory functions are governed under the *Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018*, the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004*, the *Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003* and the *AusCheck Act 2007*.

The new Centre will seek to build and consolidate functions on:

- industry partnerships, collaboration, engagement and best practice advice
- identification and mitigation of all hazard risks

- critical infrastructure modelling
- standards, accreditation and regulatory reform policy
- support for industry and government capabilities
- compliance and regulatory functions that prioritise education and partnerships ahead of enforcement and compliance outcomes, and
- a background checking service including implementing reforms to use criminal intelligence to treat trusted-insider risks in the aviation and maritime sectors, as well as issuing body reforms.

Partnerships

The Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre will work closely with industry, states and territories, regulators and technical advisers. Given the importance of strong cyber security underpinning the resilience of critical infrastructure, the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre will collaborate with the Australian Cyber Security Centre who is charged with the mission to provide cyber security advice and assistance to Australian governments, businesses and individuals. Further, given the all hazards remit the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre will work in partnership with Australian Security Intelligence Organisation as well as entities such as Emergency Management Australia and the National Recovery and Resilience Agency.



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Leadership

Hamish Hansford will be the Group Manager and Head of the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre.

Sam Grunhard will be the Deputy Group Manager and Deputy Head of the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre.

Frequent Contacts

The contacts who you deal with today continue. Below is a list of key contacts which will continue to exist.

Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre Key Contacts

Critical Infrastructure Enquiries	enquiries@CISC.gov.au
Critical Infrastructure Reforms Enquiries	CI.reforms@homeaffairs.gov.au
Critical Infrastructure Engagement Enquiries	CIR@homeaffairs.gov.au
AusCheck (background checking, and ASIC/MSIC Discretionary Cards)	auscheck@homeaffairs.gov.au
Aviation & Maritime Security Enquiries (includes ASIC/MSIC policy)	guidancecentre@homeaffairs.gov.au
Aviation & Maritime Security Enquiries (Critical Infrastructure reform)	ams.socti@homeaffairs.gov.au
Air Cargo Security Enquiries	aircargosecurity@homeaffairs.gov.au
Airport Security Enquiries	aviation.security@homeaffairs.gov.au
Aviation Security International and Industry Capability Enquiries	aviation.security@homeaffairs.gov.au
Aviation Screening Enquiries	screening.policy@homeaffairs.gov.au
Home Affairs ASIC Applications	asic@homeaffairs.gov.au
Home Affairs MSIC Applications	msic@homeaffairs.gov.au