



Newsflash

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From the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Centre

Welcome to the first Newsflash for 2024! We hope you had a great festive season. We are excited to continue to provide you with the latest information on all aspects of Australia's critical infrastructure and we have been busy preparing for the year ahead!

Cyber Security Legislative Reforms

We are kicking off 2024 with a series of virtual town hall and deep dive sessions on the [Cyber Security Legislative Reforms Consultation Paper](#).

The Consultation Paper is the next step in implementing the [2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy](#), to boost the nation's cyber security through genuine public-private partnerships with business and the community.

The paper seeks input from Australians and businesses on cyber security and critical infrastructure security legislative reform.

Learn about the consultation process and how to get involved. [Submissions close 5pm AEDT Friday 1 March 2024](#).

The series of town halls will include:

- **Introduction to Cyber Security Legislative Reform**
Deputy Secretary of Cyber and Infrastructure Security Group Hamish Hansford
- **Cyber Security Legislative Reform – SOCI Act**
FAS Industry Partnerships and Infrastructure Policy Division Sally Pfeiffer (2 sessions)
- **Cyber Security Bill**
FAS Cyber Security Policy Peter Anstee (2 sessions)

The deep dives will delve further into key topics including; the proposed Cyber Incident Review Board, Ransomware Reporting, the Limited Use obligation and Smart Device Standards.

[Register now](#) to attend these informative sessions.

CISC Website

Our [new website](#) has been enhanced, based on user feedback. If you have any further suggestions, please use the feedback option on the website.



It also now includes an ['Information for your industry'](#) webpage, helping make searching for resources easier!

You can select your industry to find out what you need to know to understand the risk environment and meet your regulatory obligations. (Note the information provided relates to industries captured by the SOCI Act)

Trusted Information Sharing Network (TISN)

The TISN continues its expansion and engagement with members and sector groups with many sector meetings in the pipeline for 2024. Expansion of the TISN is outlined in Activity 1 in the [Critical Infrastructure Resilience Plan](#).

Critical Infrastructure Risk Management Program (CIRMP)

A reminder that entities responsible for CI assets have until the 18th of August 2024 to meet the cyber security requirements of the CIRMP Rules. Entities must submit their first Annual Report by the 28th of September 2024.

Have a read of the [Access CIRMP guidance here](#).

Corporate Guidance Document

We are pleased to announce that [The Overview of Cyber Security Obligations for Corporate Leaders](#) booklet was released in December 2023.

It is designed to support Boards, Company Directors, Chief Executive Officers and other corporate leaders navigate important obligations and requirements that should be considered in developing cyber security frameworks for critical infrastructure assets.



SOCI Act obligations for critical ports

Did you know that critical ports in Australia have certain obligations under the SOCI Act?

These obligations include: providing operational and ownership information to the Register of Critical Infrastructure Assets; the mandatory cyber security incident reporting obligation; and notifying your data storage or processing provider if they provide services on a commercial basis that relate to business critical data.

Ensuring the security and resilience of the maritime transportation system is critical to support the prosperity of our island economy.

Read the [SOCI Act obligations for critical ports fact sheet](#) to learn more.



CISM Quiz winners

Congratulations to our [Critical Infrastructure Security Month \(CISM\) Quiz winners](#), Alyssa and Kit!



Quiz winners Alyssa (above) and Kit (below) receiving their awards from members of the CISC team.



Thank you to everyone who completed the quiz and participated in CISM, embodying our theme of 'Partnering to lower risk and secure our shared prosperity'.

We look forward to continuing to collaborate in 2024, and of course to an even bigger CISM this November.