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Strategic Border Command

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Mission

Strategic Border Command's mission is to direct and coordinate border control operations across the border continuum and be responsible for the overall conduct of these operations.



Purpose

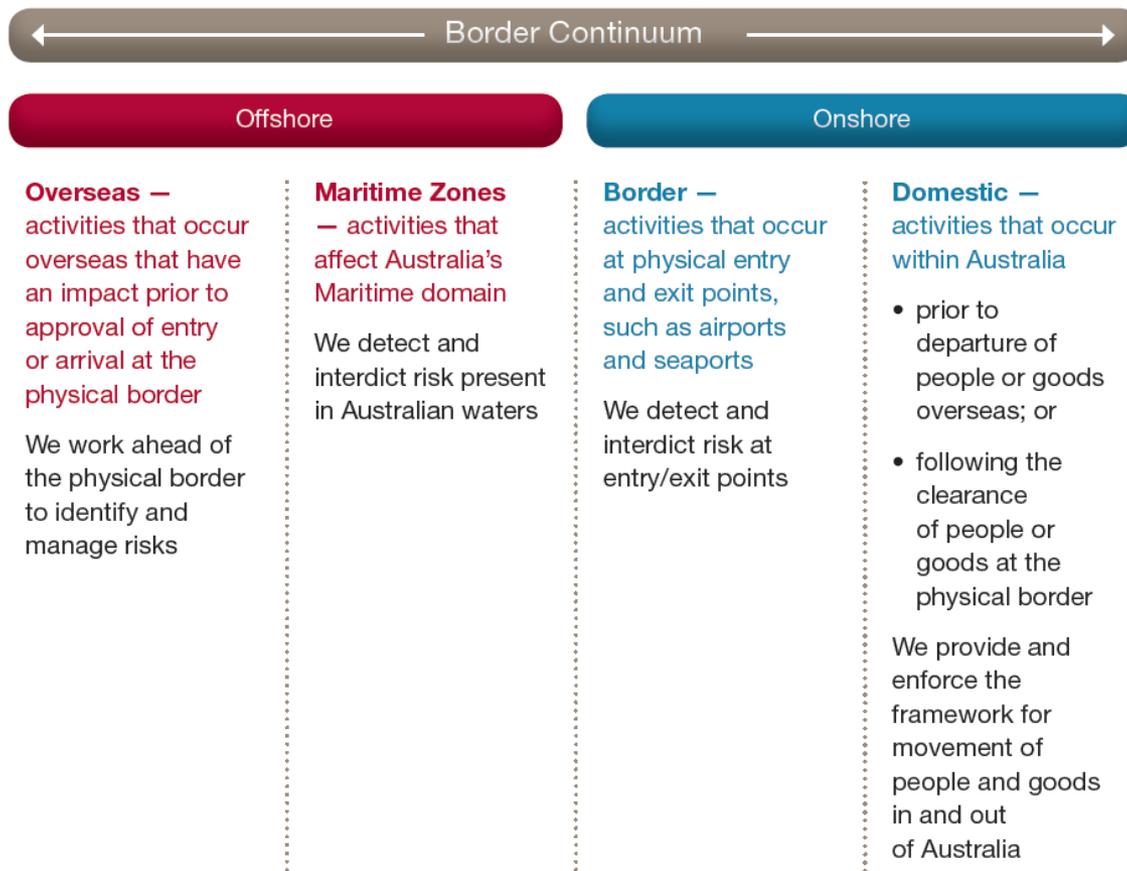
Strengthen the Portfolio's approach to directing and coordinating the **operational activity** and performance.

A **national view** of all operational activities and priorities.

Oversee **Regional Command operations** and be able to **coordinate** the movement of resources across Commands.

Conduct **complex national** and transnational operations.

Border continuum





Protecting our borders

Operating domains

Focusing on investigations, compliance, enforcement and detention pre, at and post the border, the ABF continues to work closely with partner agencies as it manages Australia's border domains (air, sea and land) and contributes to national security through border protection and border enforcement activities.

Air and sea ports

The ABF plays a vital role at airports and seaports in protecting Australia's border from the entry of illegal and harmful goods and those intending to commit immigration fraud or threaten the national interest.

ABF officers also process travellers and goods arriving in Australia outside of major metropolitan airports and seaports, such as sea vessels arriving at remote mining ports, and small aircraft or yachts arriving at small airstrips and seaports.



Protecting our borders

Maritime

Protecting Australia's border outside of the main airports and seaports relies on a strong maritime capability. The ABF maintains an armed presence around Australia's coastline and responds to reported or suspected border incidents and illegal activity. The risk to our maritime jurisdiction is managed jointly with other agencies through the Maritime Border Command and Operation Sovereign Borders.

Community

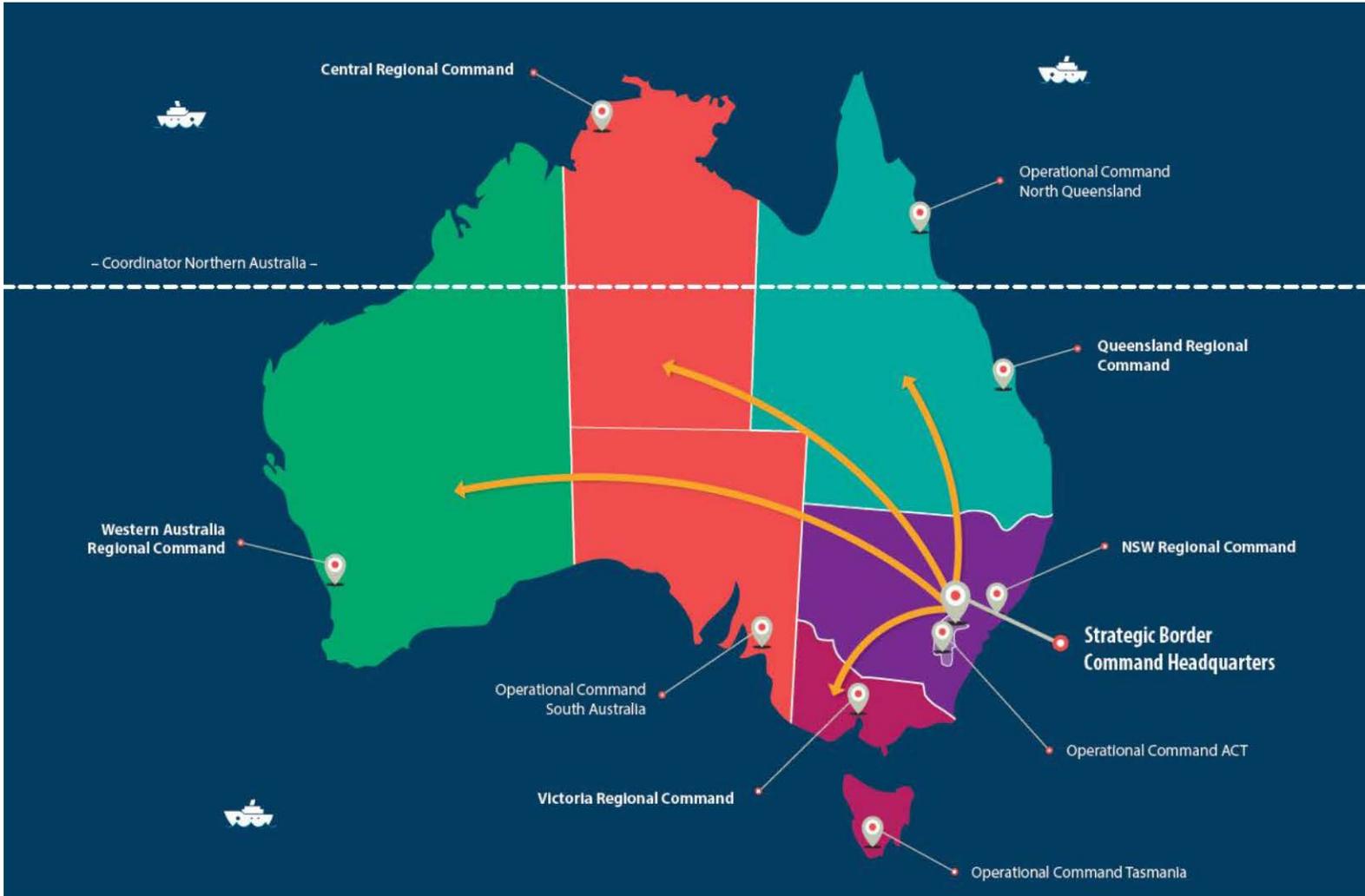
The ABF performs a significant role in the community by maintaining and supporting the integrity of the visa programme using a range of compliance measures to monitor, identify and locate foreign nationals who breach their visa conditions. This role complements our border protection activities at our airports, seaports and across our maritime jurisdiction.



Key functions

Strategic Border Command (SBC) is responsible for the following functions:

- **facilitating** legitimate trade and travel
- **prevent, deter and detect** the illegal movement of people across the border
- manage the unlawful non citizens within the immigration detention facilities including the **security, safety and welfare of detainees, contractors and staff**
- **prevent, deter and detect** the unlawful movement of prohibited, restricted, or regulated goods into Australia
- **collect** border-related revenue and statistics.



Regional Commands

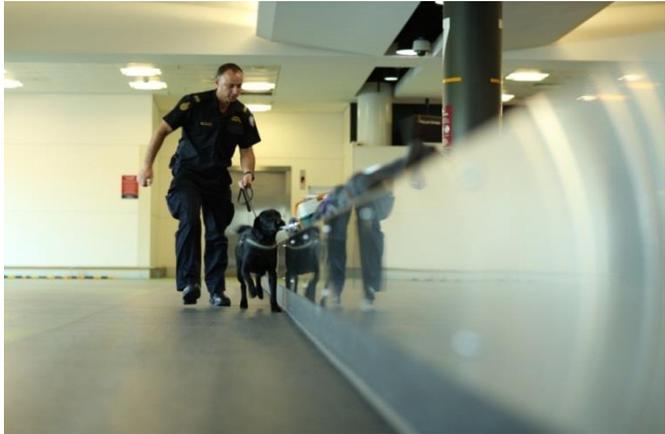
Regional Commanders are responsible for coordinating the deployment of Border Force officers in specified geographical areas to achieve strategic outcomes.

Regional Commands are divided geographically as follows:

- Regional Command NSW
- Regional Command VIC/TAS
- Regional Command WA
- Regional Command QLD
- Regional Command Central (NT & SA)



SBC Operations



Strategic Border Command Centre

The **Strategic Border Command Centre (SBCC)** has a 24/7 national view of operational activity and priorities.

Connectivity with **Regional Commands** and Border Protection Command.



Live monitoring of operations, **real time communications** and coordination.

Central point of coordination for all ABF onshore/inshore operations, as well as access to offshore operations for taskings.

Critical **incident management** and coordination

Border Operations Centre

24/7 client service centre which provides support and assistance to airline check-in staff and cruise ship operators in flagging eligible or ineligible clients intending to travel to Australia.



Manages the **Central Movement Alert List**

Maintains, modifies, and manages data quality and release of data from the **Travel and Immigration Processing System (TRIPS)**

Border Operations Centre

In a single month, the **Borders Operations Centre** will:

- Resolve **140,000** potential alert matches and refer **1,700** to ASIO
- Approve over **6,000** alert proposals, amendments or cancellations
- Deny boarding to over **150** potential travellers
- Amend over **17,000** client records to assist travel, visa or citizenship grant
- Provide uplift to over **1,000** eligible clients
- Grant **100** visas to assist facilitation
- Respond to around **4,000** emails
- Answer up to **20,000** phone calls.



National Border Targeting Centre (NBTC)

The **NBTC** allows Australia to more effectively identify and mitigate emerging transnational threats, being the touch point for real-time intelligence sharing with international border targeting partners, the Border Five:

- **Australia**
- **New Zealand**
- **Canada**
- **United Kingdom**
- **United States**



National Border Targeting Centre (NBTC)

The **NBTC** draws on the collective expertise and capabilities of several Commonwealth agencies to provide an enhanced and collaborative approach to identifying and treating high-risk international travellers and cargo that may cause harm to the Australian community.

- Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP)
- Australian Federal Police (AFP)
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)
- Australian Crime Commission (ACC)
- Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's - Australian Passport Office (DFAT)
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (DoIRD)
- B5 Partners – Canada and New Zealand (1 July 2015)

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Questions?

- In what ways could we improve engagement with industry stakeholders?
- How can we reduce 'red tape' without compromising the Australian borders?