



INDUSTRY SUMMIT

2018 Industry Summit Communique

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Highlights

This year's **Industry Summit** (the **Summit**) marked a significant milestone as the first Home Affairs Portfolio wide Summit. The Summit brought together around **450** industry, academic, diplomatic corps and government leaders. The Summit's theme was '*Working together for a prosperous, secure and united Australia*' reflecting the Home Affairs Blueprint.

The Hon Peter Dutton MP, Minister for Home Affairs provided the Summit's key note address and Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC, Assistant Minister for Home Affairs provided a post-lunchtime address.

To provide a Portfolio-wide view, the Summit involved a Home Affairs Portfolio Senior Leadership Panel with representatives from Australian Border Force, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, Australian Federal Police, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, AUSTRAC and the Department of Home Affairs (the Department).

The Summit's **eight** interactive workshops featured conversations about how government and industry can work together to leverage opportunities and manage vulnerabilities that arise from our global interconnectedness. These workshops addressed **three** themes:

- *Supply chain – a prosperous Australia.* Workshops covered border innovation, trade modernisation and modern slavery.
- *Public safety – a secure Australia.* Workshops covered critical infrastructure, cyber security, and protection of crowded places from terrorism.
- *People – a united Australia.* Workshops covered skilled migration and crime prevention.

Supply chain - a prosperous Australia

Delegates discussed innovative ways government and industry can work together to ensure seamless and secure movement of people and goods across our border.

Key issues discussed included:

- **Border innovation, and trade and traveller modernisation:** The increasing volumes of cargo and travellers crossing the border, rising complexity in supply chains and changing consumer demands are driving the need to adopt contemporary solutions to help manage these challenges.
- The need for systems and regulatory frameworks to adapt to fundamental changes in the way goods are traded - with digital goods underpinning trade.
- Partnering with industry to develop innovative policy, regulatory and operational approaches. Current collaborations between the Department and Sydney Airport Corporation Limited on the Passenger Journey Trial, and with Maersk and IBM on their TradeLens digital platform were cited as examples of effective partnerships
- The success of the Australian Trusted Trader Program and opportunities for industry to continue to shape the future of trade.

- To ensure Australia's international trade competitiveness and national security, industry and government must work together to modernise trade.
- Best practice examples of organisations addressing modern slavery risks and preparing Australian business for the proposed Modern Slavery Reporting Requirement.

Public safety – a secure Australia

Delegates discussed Australia's heightened threat landscape and public safety, both online and in public places. Delegates discussed impacts of emerging cyber threats to critical systems and infrastructure and how industry and government can mitigate risks and future proof this sector.

Key issues discussed included:

- **Critical infrastructure and cyber security:** The increase in scale and complexity of cyber security challenges to critical infrastructure.
- Opportunities for more open and trusted relationships between government and industry in order to improve responses to these cyber security challenges.
- A recognition that government and industry responses should be underpinned by understanding and mitigating risk, building cyber security cultures, enhancing resilience and responding to cyber-incidents when they occur.
- The importance of ensuring all Australians get the cyber essentials right, that our technology base and supply chain is secured by design, and that we are enabling a diverse skills base to ensure Australia can continue to prosper during the fourth industrial revolution.
- When it comes to Australia's cyber security strategy, government and business must renew efforts to maintain momentum.
- **Protection from crowded places:** Agreement that in light of recent attacks overseas, a continued focus on making our public places as secure as possible is vital.
- Acknowledgement of the significant work that is taking place to implement stronger protective security measures to protect crowded places from terrorism.
- An overview of the Australia-New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee's work including:
 - examining existing standards applied to the security industry relating to licensing arrangements, regulatory frameworks and training scope; and
 - an independent review of the implementation of Australia's Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism.

People – a united Australia

Delegates discussed current and future challenges Australia faces in attracting the best and brightest to our shores, the distribution of migrants within Australia and strategies to maintain our competitiveness as an attractive destination.

Delegates noted that transnational serious and organised crime is posing a greater threat to our national interests and the broader Australian community with increased global connectedness and trade. Delegates identified opportunities for industry and government to work together more closely to address evolving challenges in combatting these issues.

Key issues discussed included:

- **Migration:** Competition for talent is growing worldwide with new migrant destinations emerging as competition for Australia.
- Immigration and innovation are interlinked and Australia's capacity to attract talent will be key to a prosperous future.
- Improving the attraction and retention of migrants to regional Australia will require more targeted migration systems that are responsive to the specific needs of different regions.
- **Preventing crime:** The role of the Fintel Alliance (a world-first private-public partnership to combat money laundering and terrorism financing) and AUSTRAC in tackling financial crime.
- How the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation has brought together the government, non-government and industry sectors to combat child exploitation.

- Innovations, potential solutions and reforms to counter current and emerging transnational, serious and organised crime threats, including addressing supply and demand.

Next steps

Each year the Summit provides a platform for delegates to consider how government and industry can continue working together to create solutions that meet new requirements and challenges. In close partnerships with industry, the Home Affairs Portfolio will continue to work to ensure a prosperous, secure and united Australia which is open, engaged and connected to the rest of the world.