



Australian Government  
Department of Home Affairs

# INDUSTRY SUMMIT

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## 1. Industry Summit 2019 – summary

On **19 November 2019**, the Home Affairs Portfolio hosted its second annual Portfolio-wide Industry Summit (the Summit) in Melbourne.

The Summit is the Portfolio's premier industry engagement event and brought together more than 500 delegates from government, industry, academia, diplomatic corps and civil society to discuss issues and challenges related to the work of the Portfolio.

This year, the Summit's theme was *Integrity, Prosperity, Security* with a focus on the ways industry and government can work together to embed integrity into our trade and migration processes, advance Australia's prosperity in a globally connected economy, and build resilience to emerging security challenges and risks.

The Summit's keynote address was delivered by the Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon Peter Dutton MP. His address focused on strategies for defending against the threats of terrorism, organised crime and child exploitation. The Minister also made mention of the Government's commitment to dealing with the risk of foreign interference regardless of its source and whatever its target.

The Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Jason Wood also provided an address and spoke about tackling the black economy, combatting modern slavery and the benefits of the Australian Trusted Trade program.

The Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs, Mr Michael Pezzullo AO, addressed delegates on the balance needed to achieve security outcomes while remaining an open and prosperous country. He spoke about how work across the Portfolio contributed to these purposes, from security functions to the maintenance of a strongly managed and focused migration system.

The Commissioner of the Australian Border Force (ABF), Mr Michael Outram APM, addressed delegates and spoke about customs and border modernisation. He highlighted the need for investing in a secure and modern international trading system and the opportunity to leverage technologies to streamline trade and travel, enhance intelligence-led risk management and ensure our trade system's integrity.

Mr Rob Cameron, Director-General, Emergency Management Australia, addressed delegates on the risks and costs associated with disasters. He spoke about Government initiatives and funding to support disaster risk reduction, resilience building and disaster recovery.

The Summit's program also included:

- A Home Affairs Portfolio Leadership Panel with senior leaders representing the ABF, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC), Australian Federal Police (AFP), Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) and the Department of Home Affairs speaking on their priorities related to the theme and the role of industry in achieving key objectives.

- A plenary session on *Australia's 2020 Cyber Security Strategy (the Strategy)* advising on the next steps for the Strategy following public consultation.
- Eleven interactive workshops covering the breadth of the Portfolio's remit.
- Eight Portfolio exhibitions showcasing some of the Portfolio's latest initiatives.

## 2. Key outcomes

### **General**

The Summit:

- Provided the opportunity for executive decision-makers to hear directly from Portfolio Ministers and senior leaders.
- Allowed delegates to participate in workshop discussions on key Portfolio priorities.
- Provided an opportunity for government and industry to freely network and build and renew connections.

### **Specific**

Key outcomes from each of the Summit's workshops are provided below.

#### **Workshop 1. Customs and border modernisation**

Government and industry delegates discussed how customs and border modernisation will contribute to both economic prosperity and protect the community from national security threats. The workshop considered how government, industry and other public sector entities can collaborate to build a trade ecosystem that is inter-connected, intuitive and solves real problems for stakeholders.

#### **Workshop 2. Counter foreign interference approach**

The Portfolio informed industry of the current strategic environment to raise awareness of the threat of foreign interference. The workshop provided an overview of Australia's approach to countering foreign interference and outlined examples of practical response options.

#### **Workshop 3. The role of identity within the national security and law enforcement environments**

Delegates discussed the value of identity to criminals and the difficulties individuals can have in trying to resolve stolen identity issues. Delegates explored how concerns about trust and privacy remain an important consideration for the use of biometrics.

## **Workshop 4. The future of work in a globally mobile world**

Government and industry delegates discussed Australia's ongoing commitment to remaining at the forefront in attracting the best and brightest skilled migrants. The workshop highlighted current visa programs to attract global talent and the need to remain flexible and adaptive to emerging industries.

## **Workshop 5. Implementing Australia's Modern Slavery Act: Knowing your supply chain**

The Portfolio provided advice to industry on how to develop a strong and comprehensive Modern Slavery Statement. The workshop discussed how addressing modern slavery risks was more than a mere compliance requirement and would require continuous improvement and development from industry.

## **Workshop 6. Protecting Australia's critical infrastructure and systems**

Delegates explored how the growing interconnections and interdependencies between critical infrastructure and systems prompt the need for resilience across industry sectors. The workshop highlighted the importance of ensuring Australia's technology base and supply chains are secure by design.

## **Workshop 7. Crowded places: Increasing resilience to terrorism**

The Portfolio presented on Australia's Strategy for the Protection of Crowded Places from Terrorism and explored how to address challenges using available security audit and self-assessment tools. The workshop explored the implementation of the Escape Hide Tell initiative as an example of how government and industry can work together.

## **Workshop 8. Tackling disaster risk: Government and industry working together to build Australia's resilience**

Delegates explored the need for practical advice on disaster risk reduction and acknowledged the significant progress represented by the release of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework. The workshop looked at the best ways to decide how and when to invest efforts to reduce disaster risk by questioning traditional assumptions on responding to risk rankings.

## **Workshop 9. Black economy and trade enforcement**

Delegates discussed the importance of trade enforcement measures and strategies to counter the black economy and protect revenue collection, community safety and lawful employment conditions for migrant workers. The workshop also explored the importance of data sharing between government and industry to target non-compliant activity.

## **Workshop 10. Child exploitation: What has gone wrong? What can we do?**

The Portfolio presented on the exponential growth in child exploitation material available online and the importance of addressing the incentives and demand that contribute to this crime type. The workshop highlighted the need for a collective and collaborative response from law enforcement and industry to counter the exploitation of children.

## **Workshop 11. What does transport security at our air and sea ports look like in 2030?**

The workshop highlighted the evolving nature of transport security threats and the continued need to adjust security requirements accordingly. Looking to the next ten years, delegates considered the role of technologies such as artificial intelligence to both facilitate the passenger experience and support security functions.

### **3. Next steps**

The Portfolio will continue to pursue an ongoing, consistent and collaborative engagement with stakeholders to:

- communicate on key policy and operational issues;
- co-design solutions for emerging challenges and risks; and
- deliver on the Government's trade and migration priorities.

We look forward to working alongside industry over to coming year and coming together again at the 2020 Home Affairs Portfolio Industry Summit.