

2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy

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The Hon. Clare O'Neil MP
Minister for Cybersecurity
RE: Australian Cyber Security Strategy Discussion Paper

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The NUW Alliance welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Minister for Cyber Security and the Expert Advisory Panel on developing cyber security policy and initiatives. The Alliance is a collaborative partnership between four leading universities – University of Newcastle, University of Wollongong, UNSW Sydney and Western Sydney University.

As Minister O'Neil recently stated, "Government needs to walk the talk and work with industry as genuine partners to build a nationally consistent approach". As drivers of the knowledge economy, and higher education as a significant service export, universities have a vital role in delivering on this agenda.

The Alliance marshals an unprecedented knowledge base that will assert and progress Australia's vision to becoming the most cyber secure nation in the world by 2030. Our role is multifaceted, not only do our partner universities lead Australia in cyber security related research, even more crucially, our partners deliver the knowledge jobs and cyber security skills required for the future. The Alliance, with over 240,000 students, has a material role, as the Hon Jason Clare advocates in "delivering the skills and qualifications Australia needs", to address the cyber skills shortage.

Cementing our nation as a global leader starts today. The NUW Alliance are galvanised to support Australia's agenda to becoming agile and resilient to new and emerging threats. A task which requires collaboration across industries and countries. Australia has an integral part in leading cyber security for the Pacific and Southeast Asia. Frameworks which support multidisciplinary collaboration across industry, government, and academia, including international partnerships – is critical for ensuring a robust and secure cyber future.

Our partnership is in the early stages of exploring a cohesive collaborative approach to cyber security – from critical infrastructure, organisation capacity and governance and regulatory strategy. We are committed to supporting the Commonwealth's efforts for a secure, resilient, and thriving cyber ecosystem, and catalysing solutions to accelerate priorities.

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