Overview of the Trusted Information Sharing Network (TISN) for Critical Infrastructure Resilience

The TISN

The TISN provides an environment where business and government can share vital information on security issues relevant to the resilient operation of our critical infrastructure and continuity of essential services in the face of all hazards.

The TISN is made up of

- seven Sector Groups
- two Expert Advisory Groups
- one Oil and Gas Security Forum, and
- Communities of Interest

These groups are overseen by the Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council.

Each group of the TISN embraces the concept of critical infrastructure resilience, which is integral to achieving a disaster resilient community.

Business provides resources, expertise and many essential services on which the community depends. This includes critical infrastructure providers, who make an important contribution to disaster resilience by understanding the risks they face and ensuring they are able to continue to provide services to the community during, or as soon as possible after, a disaster.

Sector Groups

Sector Groups enable critical infrastructure owners and operators to share information on threats and vulnerabilities, and collaborate on appropriate measures to mitigate risk and boost resilience.

The Sector Groups cover

- banking and finance
- communications
- energy
- food chain
- health
- transport, and
- water services.

Each Sector Group is supported by an Australian Government agency – usually the agency that has portfolio responsibility for that sector.

Expert Advisory Groups

Two Expert Advisory Groups have been established to advise the Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council and the Sector Groups

- Resilience, and
- IT security.
Overview of the TISN (cont’)

Oil and Gas Security Forum

This Forum is a sub-group of the Energy Sector Group. It provides an avenue for discussion to improve the resilience of the Australian oil and gas industry through sharing all hazard security information and insights between industry participants and government agencies.

Communities of Interest

Members from the Sector Groups and other interested parties also get together to form Communities of Interest as issues arise, to develop appropriate knowledge and understanding, and share information.

Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council

The Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council oversees the groups of the TISN, and advises the Attorney-General on the Australian Government’s approach to critical infrastructure resilience.

Each of the Sector Groups, the states and territories, relevant Australian Government agencies, the Australian Local Government Association, and the National Counter-Terrorism Committee are represented on the Advisory Council.

How to join the TISN

Owners and operators of critical infrastructure, and all government agencies directly associated with critical infrastructure can seek membership on the Sector Groups.

If you are interested in finding out more about the TISN, please contact cip@ag.gov.au

More information can be found at www.tisn.gov.au