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08:15	*Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.*
08:45	*Welcome remarks by Corinium & Chair's opening remarks* *Chair:* **Roma Singh** Portfolio Security Advisor **VIC Department of Transport and Planning**
08:55	**Speed Networking – Making new connections at CISO Canberra!** During this 5-minute networking session, participants can build their network. Have fun!
09:00	**Opening Keynote Discussion** **Interpreting Global Cyber Threat Patterns in a Fragmented World** This keynote panel brings international and national perspectives together to help government cyber leaders make sense of global threat signals shaped by geopolitical tension, cross-border crime, and coordinated activity. • What are you seeing across borders that genuinely stands out right now? • How are those patterns being understood within law enforcement and intelligence communities? • Where do organisations tend to misjudge the significance of what they are seeing? • How should government cyber leaders use these insights to inform action without overstating certainty or urgency? Moderator: **Dr Rajiv Shah** Director **AISA** Panelists: **Tori Lamb** Assistant Secretary Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade** **Sandra Booth** Assistant Commissioner Cyber & Special Investigations **Australian Federal Police** **Mark Rysanek** Cyber Liaison Officer **Royal Canadian Mounted Police**
09:35	**Presentation**

	Agentic Runtime Security - Solving Identity and Access Gaps in Agentic AI **Andrew Brydon** Field CTO Leader, APJ **HashiCorp, an IBM company**
10:00	**Keynote Presentation** **Horizon 2: Moving from Capability Build to Operational Maturity** **Ashley Bell** Assistant Secretary for Cyber Policy and Programs **Department of Home Affairs**
10:25	*Morning 'Coffee and Connect'*
10:55	**Presentation** **When AI Acts, Who is Accountable?** Andrew Noonan, VP Systems Engineering, **Forescout International Markets**
11:20	**Keynote Panel Discussion** **Risk Trade-Offs in Shared Platforms: How Much Vendor Diversity Is Enough?** Shared platforms and common vendors continue to underpin government service delivery, but they also concentrate risk in ways that require clearer thinking about how much vendor diversity is enough. • Where does efficiency in shared platforms become systemic risk? • How should vendor risk be continuously re-evaluated beyond procurement cycles? • How do we reduce concentration risk without impacting delivery speed or scale benefits? Moderator: **Roma Singh** Portfolio Security Advisor **VIC Department of Transport and Planning** Panellists: **David Norwood** CIO & Director Digital Health & Innovation **Sydney Local Health District** **Daminda Kumara** CISO **Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation** **Hammam Bakr** Head of Technology & Cyber Security **Corporate Commonwealth Entity**
11:55	**Presentation** **Less Time, Higher Stakes: Defending Government in the Age of Frontier AI** ***— Do more with less, reduce risk, reduce cost and gain control*** **Matt Waite** Senior Director of Solution Engineering **Tanium**
12:20	**Keynote Presentation** **When Cyber Becomes a Public Issue: An Elected Leader's Perspective** **Cr Stuart James** Mayor **City of Monash** & Councillor **Warrigal Ward**
12:45	*Lunch Break! Connect and Converse.*

	Track A: Identity & Human Factor	Track B: Execution & Delivery
	Chair: **Roma Singh** Portfolio Security Advisor **VIC Department of Transport and Planning**	Chair: **Umair Zia** A/Director Infrastructure & Service Delivery **Sydney Local Health District**
13:45	**Presentation** **Addressing Insider Threats in Modern Operating Models** **Kane Robinson** Cyber Security Manager **National Gallery of Australia**	**Fireside Chat** **SOC Isn't Autonomous Yet: Where AI Helps and Where It Doesn't** AI is increasingly embedded in cyber security operations, but SOCs remain human-led in practice. This session explores where AI is genuinely improving visibility, telemetry analysis, and alert prioritisation, and where human judgement is still essential for effective detection and response in complex environments. Speakers: **Krishna Bagla** Manager Cyber Security Operations & Implementation **NSW Education Standards Authority** **Rue Maharaj** Specialist - Cybersecurity Defence Management **Melbourne Water**
14:10	**Presentation** **AI Didn't Create Your Data Risk. It Exposed It. Securing Government Data in the Age of AI** **Steve Moros** Senior Director, Advanced Technologies Group (ATG), Asia Pacific and Japan **Proofpoint**	**Agentic AI Quiz** **Preventing Agentic AI From Exceeding Its Role – Quiz Time!** **Peter Baussman** CTO **Airlock Digital**
14:35	**Fireside Chat** **AI Adoption in Government Cyber Security: Workforce Impact and Operational Reality** AI is being introduced into government cyber security environments alongside existing systems and responsibilities, raising questions about how much pressure it removes, how much it adds, and what it changes for teams in practice.	**Case Study** **Cyber Security Transformation in a Highly Integrated Public Healthcare Ecosystem** Speaker: **Umair Zia** A/Director Infrastructure & Service Delivery **Sydney Local Health District**

	• How is AI changing day to day work and expectations for cyber teams? • Where is pressure building on judgement, accountability, and capacity as AI use grows? • What does this mean for the future pipeline of skills, roles, and experience in government cyber teams? Moderator: **Krishna Bagla** Manager Cyber Security Operations & Implementation **NSW Education Standards Authority** Speakers: **Marc Karahasanoglu** CISO **NSW Rural Fire Service** **Jakub Zvěřina** Technical Program Lead for CyberPath **ACS**	
15:00	**Presentation** **How To Make Your AI Adoption Successful** **Sam Brazier-Hollins** Head of Technical Consulting **Fujitsu**	**Presentation** **From Prevention to Resilience: Securing Modern Government** **Dominic Lovell** Senior Solutions Engineering Manager **Akamai**
15:25	*Afternoon 'Coffee and Connect'*	
15:55	**Presentation** **Agents Don't Ask Twice: Governing High-Risk Actions in Microsoft Co Pilot and Claude** **Andrew Latham** Principal Solution Architect APJ **Obsidian**	
16:20	**Panel Discussion** **Preparing for the Quantum Era: What It Means in Practice and Where to Start** With ASD outlining Australia's direction on post-quantum cryptography, this conversation focuses on how security leaders can interpret those signals, balance long-horizon risk with current delivery pressures, and take sensible, proportionate steps without overstating urgency. • How should security leaders think about the technical timeline for quantum risk without relying on speculative dates? • What preparation makes sense today without overinvesting or diverting focus from current risks?	

	• What is one realistic step teams can take in the next 12 months to start preparing responsibly? Moderator: **Dr Rajiv Shah** Director **AISA** Panellists: **Tara Lie** Information & Technology Governance Manager **WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation** **Dr Muhammed Esgin** Deputy Director, Post-Quantum Cryptography in the Indo-Pacific Program **Monash University** **Roma Singh** Portfolio Security Advisor **VIC Department of Transport and Planning**
16:50	*Closing Remarks by the Chair*
17:00	CISO Canberra 2026 Reception & Networking *Continue the conversation over drinks.*