

# CISO Critical Infrastructure

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| <b>Agenda</b><br><b>March 24<sup>th</sup> 2026</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 08:20                                              | <b>Register; grab a coffee. Mix, mingle and say hello to peers old and new.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 09:00                                              | <b>Welcome by Corinium and Chairperson</b><br><u>Chairperson</u><br><b>Lauren Veenstra</b> Chief Security Officer <b>Iberdrola Australia</b><br><br><u>Corinium Representative</u><br><b>Kashmira George</b> Content Director <b>Corinium Global Intelligence</b>                                                                                                 |
| 09:05                                              | <b>Speed Networking</b><br>In this 10-minute networking session, the goal is to connect with three new people. Let the questions on the screen spark your conversation. Enjoy the opportunity to expand your network!                                                                                                                                             |
| 09:15                                              | Opening Keynote<br><b>Driving National Resilience: Strengthening Cyber and Infrastructure Capabilities</b><br><br><u>Speaker:</u><br><b>Vijay Narayan</b> Chief Information Security Officer <b>Mercy Health Australia</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| 9:40                                               | <b>Data Security: The Missing Context</b><br><br><u>Speaker:</u><br><b>Tim Roughton</b> Country Manager – Australia & New Zealand <b>Concentric AI</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10:05                                              | <i>Panel Discussion</i><br><b>Navigating SOCI: Building Strength, Maturity and Resilience in Practice</b><br>As PSPF obligations tighten and SOCI reforms deepen, critical infrastructure operators face growing pressure not only to comply but to prove the strength and maturity of their security practices. This keynote explores how to assess, strengthen, |

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|       | <p>and sustain compliance confidence while embedding resilience across systems, people, and processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess your current posture and understand where your capabilities lie, whether you've crossed the compliance threshold, and where the biggest uplift opportunities remain.</li> <li>• Clarify the regulatory landscape: unpack how PSPF, SOCI, CIRMP, and emerging cyber rules overlap, and what they mean for executive accountability and governance.</li> <li>• Link ownership to accountability to explore the "if I can touch it, I can own it" mindset to strengthen control over assets, systems, and risk exposure.</li> <li>• Build a practical roadmap that translates regulatory requirements into stronger, more adaptive security and operational continuity.</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator:</u><br/> <b>Prof. Abbi Sharma</b> Chief Digital and Transformation Officer <b>Victorian Government</b></p> <p><u>Panellists</u><br/> <b>Richard Magalad</b> Chair Cloud Branch <b>Australian Information Security Association (AISA)</b><br/> <b>Anthony Canning</b> Chief Information Security Officer <b>5G Networks</b></p> |
| 10:40 | <b>Morning Coffee and Connect</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 11:10 | <p><b>Third-Party, First Priority: Supply Chain Strategies for Complex Vendor Ecosystems</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u><br/> <b>Jimmy Wong</b> General Manager - Information Security, Technology Controls &amp; Governance <b>AIA Australia</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11:35 | <p><b>Critical Infrastructure Cyber Security-Strengthening Protection with Air Gapped Endpoint Security</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u><br/> <b>Shawn Luyke</b> Staff Solutions Engineer <b>SentinelOne</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 12:00 | <p>Panel Discussion</p> <p><b>Security of a Supply Chain in a Fractured Geopolitical Landscape</b><br/> As global volatility intensifies, the stability of critical infrastructure supply chains is increasingly threatened by geopolitical destabilisations, concentrated vendors, and just-in-time models. Efficiency gains have come at the expense of resilience. This session explores how to safeguard essential services amid escalating disruption and regulatory pressure.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reassess procurement models to balance cost, resilience, and compliance while avoiding diminishing security returns.</li> <li>• Collaborate with regulators and partners to strengthen transparency and oversight across volatile supply ecosystems.</li> <li>• Evaluate geopolitical flashpoints and destabilisations to understand their cascading impacts on Australia’s critical infrastructure.</li> <li>• Embed resilience into design, planning, and vendor management to withstand future shocks and disruptions.</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u><br/> <b>Daisy Wong</b> Head of Security Awareness <b>Medibank</b></p> <p><u>Panellists</u><br/> <b>Helaine Leggat</b> Non-Executive Director <b>CI-ISAC</b><br/> <b>Vasant Prabhu</b> Global Data Protection Lead (AI, Privacy and Cybersecurity Architecture) <b>Toll Group</b><br/> <b>John Ellis</b> Global Head of Security, Trust and Influence <b>QBE Insurance</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 12:35 | <b>Networking Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Track A</b><br/> <b>Resilience in OT and IT</b><br/> <i>Chaired by: Lauren Veenstra</i> Chief Security Officer <b>Iberdrola Australia</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Track B</b><br/> <b>Regulation, Risk and Maturity</b><br/> <i>Chaired by: Sandeep Taileng</i> Information Security Officer <b>State Trustees Victoria</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 13:35 | <p><i>Panel Discussion</i><br/> <b>Strengthening OT Where It Matters Most: Visibility, Resilience and Real-World Risk Reduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and continuously monitor assets, protocols, and interdependencies across hybrid environments.</li> <li>• Align cyber security, operations, and engineering around shared OT security goals.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><i>Panel Discussion</i><br/> <b>Are You as Mature as You Think? Rethinking Cybersecurity Readiness with Tightened Budgets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prioritise investments that deliver the highest maturity uplift per dollar.</li> <li>• Embed resilience into maturity roadmaps to ensure operational continuity.</li> <li>• Building intelligent vulnerability management security controls.</li> <li>• Develop leadership buy-in for long-term maturity investments.</li> </ul> |

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|       | <p><u>Moderator</u><br/> <b>Lauren Veenstra</b><br/> Chief Security Officer<br/> <b>Iberdrola Australia</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u><br/> <b>David Worthington</b><br/> General Manager - Digital Security and Risk <b>Jemena</b></p> <p><b>Luke Ma</b><br/> Head of Technology Controls and Governance <b>AIA Australia</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><u>Moderator</u><br/> <b>Daisy Wong</b><br/> Head of Security Awareness<br/> <b>Medibank</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u><br/> <b>Rucha Gatti</b><br/> Director, Tech and Info Risk<br/> <b>NAB</b></p> <p><b>Malhar Vora</b> Principal Security &amp; People Engineer – Group Cyber Security<br/> <b>ANZ</b></p> |
| 14:00 | <p><b>Identity Everywhere: Governing AI Agents Across Hybrid &amp; Multi-Cloud</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u><br/> <b>Scott Hesford</b><br/> Senior Director, Solutions Engineering - APJ<br/> <b>Beyond Trust</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>Exposure Management in Critical Infrastructure: Beyond Compliance</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u><br/> <b>Pouya Ghotbi</b> Head of Exposure Management <b>Check Point</b></p>                                                                                                                                 |
| 14:25 | <p><i>Fireside Chat</i><br/> <b>Bridging the Cyber-Physical Divide: Smarter Asset Management for Legacy Systems</b></p> <p>Modernising these assets requires a careful balance between commercial imperatives, operational continuity, and security assurance. This session explores how critical infrastructure operators can innovate with precision—protecting what matters while unlocking new value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess asset management practices to identify risk, commercial value, and tangible</li> </ul> | <p><b>Space as Critical Infrastructure: The Security Risks We Cannot See</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u><br/> <b>Sandeep Taileng</b><br/> Information Security Officer<br/> <b>State Trustees Victoria</b></p>                                                                                                      |

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|       | <p>pathways to secure modernisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect ageing OT systems that are increasingly connected yet remain essential to operations.</li> <li>• Mitigate cyber-physical vulnerabilities arising from greater integration, visibility, and remote access.</li> <li>• Integrate old and new technologies through phased strategies that minimise disruption and sustain resilience.</li> </ul> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <p><b>Bilal Baig</b><br/>Senior OT Digital Security Specialist<br/><b>Coles Group</b></p> <p><b>Faysal Hasan</b><br/>Senior Cyber Sec Analyst - OPS Lead<br/><b>Viva Energy</b></p> <p><b>Moe Nahas</b><br/>Manager - OT Infrastructure<br/><b>Ports Victoria</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 14:50 | <p><b>From Outages to Continuous Confidence: Assurance for Critical Infrastructure</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u><br/><b>Andrew Robinson</b><br/>Co-Founder<br/><b>6Clicks</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>The Industrial Compromise: The Pivot of Ransomware and Hactivism to Operational Technology (OT)</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u><br/><b>Frances Madaffari</b><br/>Senior Cyber Threat Intelligence Consultant<br/><b>Trellix</b></p> |

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| 15:15 | <p><b>Tales from the Trenches: Bridging IT and OT in Critical Infrastructure</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u><br/> <b>Aidan Hollier</b><br/> Head of Asset Knowledge and Technology<br/> <b>Melbourne Water</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>Rethinking OT Security in the Era of OT Innovation</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u><br/> <b>Justin Nga</b><br/> Cyber Security Manager<br/> <b>CitiPower and Powercor</b></p> |
| 15:40 | <b>Afternoon Coffee Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 16:10 | <p><b>From Disruption to Deliverables: Building Adaptive Strategies for Uninterrupted Operations</b></p> <p><u>Speaker:</u><br/> <b>Anya Avinash</b><br/> Head of Cyber Security<br/> <b>Bank First</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 16:35 | <p><i>Discussion Roundtable</i></p> <p><b>Executive Reflections: What's Next for Critical Infrastructure Cyber Security?</b></p> <p>This candid closing discussion brings together senior executives, CISOs, and government leaders to reflect on the day's biggest insights - and what they're taking back to the boardroom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are you aligning security with business outcomes and operational risk?</li> <li>• What's your top priority for the next 90 days?</li> <li>• What role should government, industry, and the boardroom each play?</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u><br/> <b>Tara Dharnikota</b> Chief Information Security Officer <b>Victoria University</b></p> <p><u>Speakers</u><br/> <b>Prof. Abbi Sharma</b> Chief Digital and Transformation Officer <b>Victorian Government</b><br/> <b>Huon Curtis</b> Health and Critical Sectors Lead <b>CI-ISAC</b><br/> <b>Pearse Courtney</b> Principal Sector Engagement <b>ex-AEMO</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 17:10 | <p><b>Chairperson Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><u>Chairperson</u><br/> <b>Lauren Veenstra</b> Chief Security Officer <b>Iberdrola Australia</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 17:15 | <p><i>Cheers with Peers: Join us for a time of networking and drinks!</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                               |
|       | <b>END OF CISO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE MELBOURNE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                               |

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