

# National Security Chief Information Officer

## Mission: Enabling Optimum Decision and Response

### Vision: A secure, coordinated and effective national security information management environment.

#### What success looks like:

*By 2020 the national security community will securely and expeditiously be able to manage and share the information required to support effective and efficient policy making, political decision making and cooperation on national security activities and administration. A harmonised policy and legislative environment will support the smooth flow of people, ideas and activities across boundaries.*

#### Drive New Governance

##### Strategy

- Implement new governance structures that drive cultural transformation within and across agencies to promote sharing.
- Promote a shift in stance from 'need to know' to responsibility to share.

##### Principles

- Our work will be done in partnership with ministers, all levels of government, business and academia.
- We will create an information environment driven by business requirements.

#### Strengthen Trust

##### Strategy

- Promote a common trust environment with mutual acceptance of personal security clearances, uniform identity management, user authorisation and access control arrangements.
- Coordinate the development of common security classification nomenclature.

##### Principles

- We will balance carefully the need to share with the need to protect sensitive information. This may challenge our existing notions of security and risk management.

#### Create Pervasive Electronic Connectivity

##### Strategy

- Lead the development of common data standards and compatible platforms to achieve pervasive and secure connectivity to the desktop across classification levels.

##### Principles

- High priority will be afforded to those initiatives that support increased connectivity, coordination and collaboration among the national security community.

#### Build Capability

##### Strategy

- Promote the development of advanced search, retrieval and dissemination tools.
- Fully exploit existing 'best practice' arrangements.
- Consolidate capabilities and reduce duplication of effort to achieve best value for money.

##### Principles

- Our systems will be efficient and effective, in line with government priorities and represent value for money.
- Where possible, we will upgrade existing systems rather than build new.
- Where possible, we will use COTS/GOTS products rather than develop our own.

#### Enhance Collaboration

##### Strategy

- Promote the development of tools and incentives to share information, knowledge and expertise.
- Promote interoperability now and into the future, particularly with Australian partners, as a central consideration of any new technology initiatives.

##### Principles

- We will ensure commonality of data standards and protocols to allow the sharing of assured information.
- We will share information on systems, applications and tools, including evaluations of their usefulness and effectiveness, to facilitate others' access to them.