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Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security
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Canberra ACT 2600

Via online form.

Review of the Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure Protection) Bill 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Digital Service Providers Australia New Zealand (DSPANZ) welcomes the opportunity to make this submission on behalf of our members and the business software industry.

Overall, DSPANZ is supportive of the Security Legislation Amendment (Critical Infrastructure Protection) (SLACIP) Bill. We appreciate the industry co-design approach that has been taken during this process so far.

Once the Bill has passed, we would like to see the Government continue this co-design approach as they begin to turn on obligations for the individual sectors. Essentially, we want to ensure that commonly used or accepted security standards / frameworks are recognised across the different critical infrastructure sectors.

For our members, DSPANZ recommends recognising the ATO's Operational Security Framework (OSF) and the Security Standard for Add-on Marketplaces (SSAM) in the Critical Infrastructure Risk Management Program to avoid needless duplication and overregulation. This is important as our members often operate across multiple sectors and any duplication creates confusion and needlessly adds to their costs and complexity.

DSPANZ would appreciate the opportunity to engage further on this submission. For further information, please contact Maggie Leese.

Yours faithfully,

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About DSPANZ

Digital Service Providers Australia New Zealand is the gateway for government into the dynamic, world class business software sector in Australia and New Zealand. Our members range from large, well-established companies through to new and nimble innovators who are working at the cutting edge of business software and app development on both sides of the Tasman.