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BORDER TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT ANZ

- 24th February 2026
- 59 Cameron Avenue, Canberra

BORDER AS A SOVEREIGN NATIONAL ASSET:
SECURING THE FUTURE THROUGH HARD TECH INNOVATION

HEADLINE SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

AARON O'NEIL
Assistant Secretary Customs & Border Modernisation,
Department of Home Affairs

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MATT JONES
Assistant Secretary, Traveller, Cargo and Trade Systems,
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WELCOME TO BORDER TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT 2026

Dear Colleagues,

As Conference Director, I am delighted to announce the **Border Technology Summit**, taking place in Sydney on **24 February 2026**. This event brings together leaders, innovators, and practitioners to explore the hard technologies shaping the future of border security—strengthening national sovereignty while enabling trade, travel, and economic growth.

This year, in a multipolar world, borders must both **connect and protect**. From securing supply chains to managing growing volumes of travellers and trade, smarter, technology-driven solutions are essential. The **2032 Brisbane Olympics** presents a unique opportunity to showcase a modern, seamless approach to international travel and security.

Join Australian border agencies and international partners to explore **next-generation surveillance, biometrics, AI threat detection, and digital innovations** that make borders secure, efficient, and resilient.

The border is no longer just a line on a map—it is a **strategic national asset**. Together, we will examine how technology can keep Australia **secure, connected, and future-ready**.

Kind Regards,
JOSEPH BIGGINS

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6 REASONS
WHY YOU NEED TO ATTEND

- Stay ahead of **evolving transnational threats** by learning how agencies are enhancing international cooperation, boosting intelligence sharing, and integrating cutting-edge surveillance technologies
- Explore **scalable border management** and advanced technologies to handle the complexities of Australia's rising trade
- Uncover how **digitalisation and automation** are meeting increasing travel demands while safeguarding our nation.
- See how the **2032 Brisbane Olympics** aligns with Australia's 2050 border vision and prepares us for future challenges.
- Engage with **top agencies and global partners** to tackle security challenges and discover effective solutions
- Discover the industry's most innovative solutions for overcoming your **border control challenges.**

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SPEAKER LINE UP INCLUDES

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ERNIE VERINA
Regional Attache Oceania,
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DISCUSSIONS AT BORDER TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT 2026

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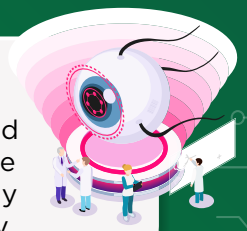
THE SURVEILLANCE CHALLENGE:
The Maritime Security boundaries of ABF encompass nearly 12% of the earth's surface.

AN APPETITE FOR TECHNOLOGY:
The rapid adoption of technology has accelerated the demand for **digital and self-managed service**s at the border

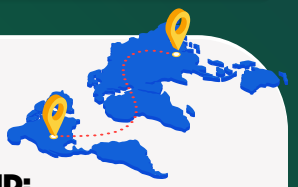


BIO SECURITY:
The potential of data and analytics to help us more effectively and efficiently prevent, predict, identify and respond to biosecurity threats.

THE FEDERAL BUDGET:
The Australian Government has invest $2 billion for border enforcement and management between 2024 and 2025

EMERGING TRADE:
Trade, particularly Australia's cargo industry, serves as the backbone to the economy, connecting Australia to the world through facilitation of the movement of goods. Patterns of trade are continuing to evolve and cargo volumes are forecast to continue to increase.

2032 BRISBANE OLYMPICS AUSTRALIA
is working towards a long-term vision, 2050, but there are short to medium-term opportunities to set goals in delivering a modernised border. The 2032 Brisbane Olympics is a platform to provide an improved, streamlined and digitalised experience for international travel.



INCREASING TRAVEL DEMAND:
Post-COVID, traveller numbers are steadily rising, requiring efficient and secure processing at the border.

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Tuesday 24th February 2026 ***59 Cameron Avenue, Canberra***	
08:50	**Chairperson's Opening Remarks and Welcome** **Rear Admiral Lee Goddard, former Commander Maritime Border Command & Operation Sovereign Borders.**
	Borders as Strategic Assets in an Era of Disruption
09:00	**Beyond eGate – Borders as Strategic National Assets** • Deglobalisation and U.S - China Strategic Competition • Criminal Exploitation and Economic • Emerging Threats and System Vulnerabilities • Technology, AI, and National Resilience • Strategic Recommendations **Michael Outram,** Former Commissioner (2018-2024), **Australian Border Force**
09:30	**Panel Discussion: Securing Borders in a Fragmented World** • What does a secure supply chain mean for Australia in today's multipolar world? • Where are the biggest blind spots in supply chain visibility for frontline agencies? • How do you modernise legacy systems without disrupting critical operations? • What builds trust when sharing data across borders and sectors? • Where can AI and analytics make the biggest impact on frontline decisions—and what guardrails are needed? • If you could redesign border tech from scratch, what capabilities are essential? *Panellists:* **Hans Koenderink,** Assistant Commissioner Crime Command, **Australian Federal Police (AFP)** **Michael Outram,** Former Commissioner (2018-2024), **Australian Border Force** **Evan Smith,** Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder**, Altana AI**

10:00	**Speed Networking Session** Fast-track new connections in this high-energy session designed to introduce you to key peers and partners across the border technology, security, and government ecosystem.
10:20	**The Connected Border: Turning Data, Devices and Duty into One Trusted System** • From islands of inputs to a truly connected operational picture • The digitally confident frontline: Software, sensors and AI that work for officers and the public • Trust by design: Ethics, privacy and security in a high surveillance border • A roadmap to 2032: Modernising a 5% of the planet border without stopping it **Rhys Hodgson,** Managing Director, **Axon**
10:50	**Morning Break & Demo Zone Open** *Step out of the conference room and into the action — connect with peers, explore the latest innovations in border technology and security, and experience live demonstrations from leading solution providers shaping the future of border management across Australia and New Zealand.*
	Travel & Trade Border Protection
11:20	**Customs, Cargo & Trade Tech Innovations** • Digitised cargo clearance for speed and accuracy. • AI/IoT to secure global supply chains. • Trade efficiency without compromising security. **Commander Aaron O'Neill,** Assistant Secretary Customs & Border Modernisation, **Australian Border Force**
11:50	**Identity at the Edge: Biometrics for Trusted Border Operations** • Operational Certainty in Uncertain Times: How biometric identity verification supports secure, efficient border crossings amid geopolitical and technological fragmentation. • Modernising Without Disruption: Lessons from integrating biometric systems into legacy environments while maintaining mission-critical performance.

	• Privacy-First Innovation: Balancing advanced identity technologies with public trust, ethical standards, and regulatory compliance. **Robert Avell,** Federal Sales Manager**, IDEMIA Public Security Travel and Transport**
12:10	**Futureproof Borders: Building Secure & Seamless Traveller and Trade Systems** • Technology vision for traveller and trade systems. • Secure, seamless border crossings. • Futureproofing Australia's border IT infrastructure. **Aled Hall,** Director, Traveller, Cargo and Trade Delivery Office**, Department of Home Affairs**
12:40	**Panel Discussion: Operational Innovation at Airports & Ports – Border Technology at the Frontline** • Smart gates, sensors, and automation in action. • Tech-enabled passenger and cargo screening. • Boosting efficiency while tightening security. *Panel Members Include:* **Commander Aaron O'Neill,** Assistant Secretary Customs & Border Modernisation, **Australian Border Force** **Aled Hall,** Director, Traveller, Cargo and Trade Delivery Office**, Department of Home Affairs** **Monica Collins,** First Assistant Secretary | Biosecurity Operations Division**, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**
13:10	**Lunch Break and Demo Zone Open** *Join us in the expo hall to connect with peers, explore the latest innovations in border technology and security, and experience live demonstrations in the Demo Zone.*
	Criminal Networks and Border Control: A Regional Response
14:10	**Targeting Illicit Trade: Securing Borders Against Tobacco and E-cigarette Smuggling** • Understanding the Threat: How illicit tobacco and e-cigarette smuggling undermines public health, revenue, and border integrity. • Coordinated Enforcement: ABF's multi-agency approach to disrupting criminal networks and supply chains. • Tech-Enabled Disruption: Leveraging intelligence, screening tools, and data to detect and prevent illicit flows in a fragmented global landscape.

	Amber Shuhyta, Commissioner, Illicit Tobacco and E-cigarette, **Australian Border Force**
14:40	**Securing the Pacific: Disrupting Criminal Networks Across Borders** • Targeting Illicit Flows: How HSI is working with regional partners to detect and disrupt drug trafficking, human smuggling, and illicit trade across Pacific routes. • Operational Collaboration: Real-world examples of joint investigations and intelligence sharing with ABF, AFP, and Pacific law enforcement to strengthen border enforcement. • Building Regional Resilience: Supporting long-term capacity building, legal cooperation, and trusted networks to secure borders in a geopolitically complex region. **Ernie Verina,** Regional Attache Oceania, **Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)**
15:10	**Afternoon Break & Demo Zone Open** *Step out of the conference room and into the action — connect with peers, explore the latest innovations in border technology and security, and experience live demonstrations from leading solution providers shaping the future of border management across Australia and New Zealand.*
	Maritime Border Security
15:40	**Operation Sovereign Borders – Tech-Enabled Maritime Security** • Leveraging advanced surveillance to protect Australia's maritime domain. • Coordinated response across Defence, Border Force, and partner agencies. • Tech-driven deterrence of illegal maritime ventures. **Rear Admiral Lee Goddard, former Commander Maritime Border Command & Operation Sovereign Borders.**
16:10	**Maritime Decision Advantage: Persistent AI Monitoring for the New Normal** In the Indo-Pacific, archipelagic and maritime sovereignty is increasingly challenged by "dark ships"—vessels that disable AIS to conduct illegal fishing, evade sanctions, or engage in grey-zone activities. Achieving a true Maritime Decision Advantage requires the capability to detect and classify vessels even when they are operating in Emission Control (EMCON). This session examines how the Planet MDA Solution acts as a force multiplier, scanning vast areas of open ocean to provide unclassified, unspoofable intelligence. We will demonstrate how integrated AI/ML workflows transform high-

	cadence imagery into a Common Operating Picture, allowing regional partners to move beyond traditional tasking toward automated, shareable insights to secure sovereign borders and resources. Key Highlights: • Non-Cooperative Detection: Gaining a "First Look" advantage against vessels attempting to hide by turning off tracking signals. • Protecting Sovereign Waters: Using algorithmic tracking to identify "shadow fleets" and spoofing that threaten regional security. • The Intelligence Bridge: Strengthening regional partnerships through unclassified, shareable data that removes disclosure bottlenecks. • Automated Pattern Recognition: A technical look at how automated feeds provide classification and heading scores to accelerate decision-making. **Tom Farrow,** Strategic Business Development, APAC, **Planet**
16:30	**Chairperson's Closing Remarks** **Rear Admiral Lee Goddard, former Commander Maritime Border Command & Operation Sovereign Borders.**
16:45	**Border Technology ANZ Summit – Drinks Reception & Demo Zone Open** Unwind and connect with peers over drinks as the Demo Zone opens for an exclusive showcase of the latest innovations in border technology and security. Experience live demonstrations, meet solution providers driving smarter, faster, and more secure border operations, and toast to the ideas shaping the future of border management across Australia and New Zealand.

WHO ATTENDS BORDER TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT

BORDER TECHNOLOGY ANZ CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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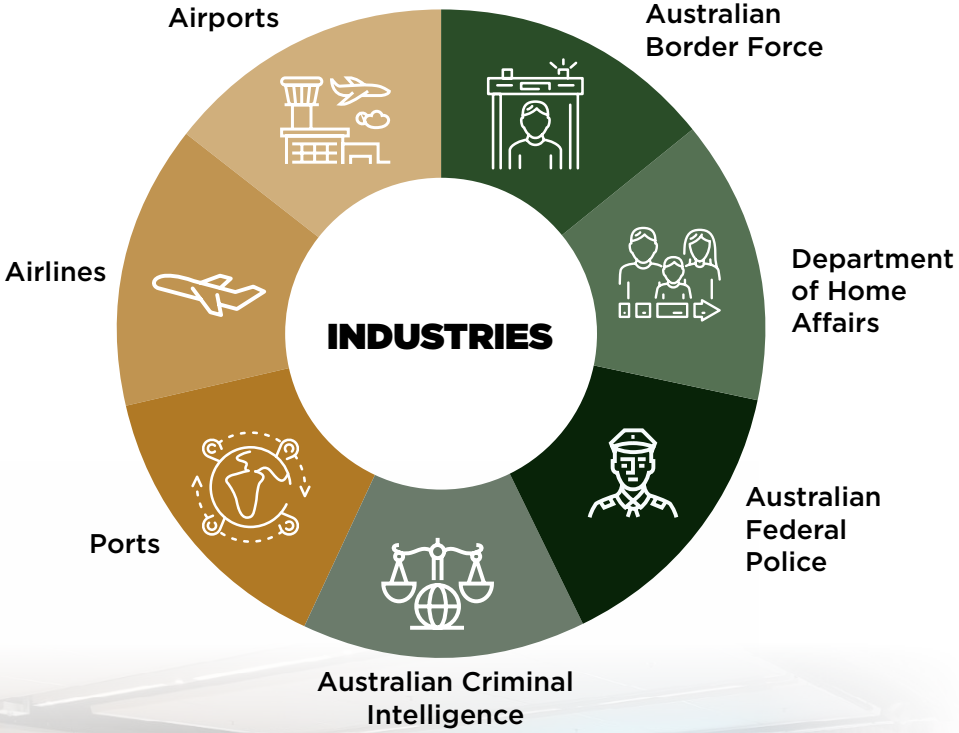

JOB TITLES:

- Technical Support to Operations National Operations
- Data Science branch
- Operation Sovereign Borders
- Future Traveller
- Director of Biometrics
- Director of Digital Forensics and Cyber Security
- Head of Border and Transnational Crime Technology
- Senior Manager of Surveillance Technology
- Executive Director of Intelligence Systems
- Director of Technical Intelligence and Cyber Operations
- Head of Surveillance and Monitoring Technologies
- Senior Manager of Border Intelligence Systems
- Executive Director of Technology and Innovation
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- Head of Digital Maritime Security Solutions

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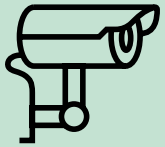
Conference Chair	Lunch Sponsor	Coffee Carts
60 Minute VIP Boardroom	Refreshment Break Sponsor	Lanyards
Panel Moderator and Host	Drinks Reception	Branded seating

HAVE YOU GOT A SOLUTION?

Border Management Systems

Border Control Solutions



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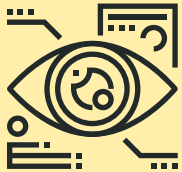
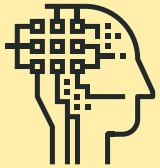


Biometrics



AI/ML

Data Analytics

Satellite Surveillance and Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)

Drone Surveillance and Autonomous Systems

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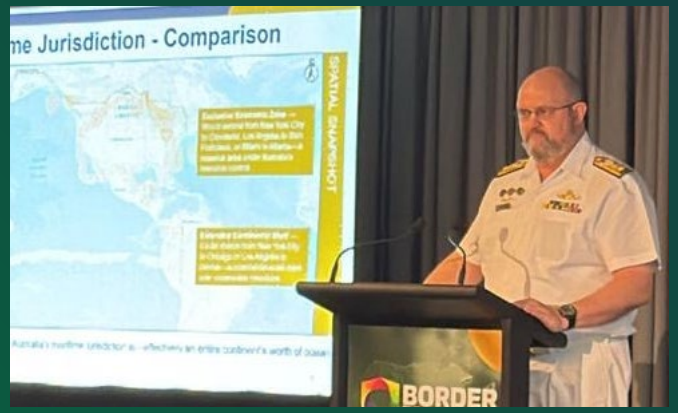

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