



Website: [Border Technology Summit ANZ](https://border-technology-summit.com.au)

Tuesday 24th February 2026 59 Cameron Avenue, Canberra	
09:00	Chairperson’s Opening Remarks and Welcome Rear Admiral Lee Goddard, former Commander Maritime Border Command & Operation Sovereign Borders.
<i>Borders as Strategic Assets in an Era of Disruption</i>	
09:10	Beyond eGate – Borders as Strategic National Assets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
09:40	Panel Discussion: Securing Borders in a Fragmented World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <i>Panellists:</i> Hans Koenderink, Assistant Commissioner Crime Command, Australian Federal Police (AFP) Michael Outram, Former Commissioner (2018-2024), Australian Border Force Amy Morgan, Vice President of Trade Compliance, Altana AI



10:10	<p>Speed Networking Session</p> <p>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.</p>
10:30	<p>The Connected Border: Turning Data, Devices and Duty into One Trusted System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Rhys Hodgson, Managing Director, Axon</p> 
11:00	<p>Morning Break & Demo Zone Open</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
Travel & Trade Border Protection	
11:30	<p>Customs, Cargo & Trade Tech Innovations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplifying and strengthening our border • Improving speed and security at our ports • Unlocking trade data to improve speed, security and certainty <p>Commander Aaron O'Neill, Assistant Secretary Customs & Border Modernisation, Australian Border Force</p>
12:00	<p>Identity at the Edge: Biometrics for Trusted Border Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privacy-First Innovation: Balancing advanced identity technologies with public trust, ethical standards, and regulatory compliance. <p>Robert Avell, Federal Sales Manager, IDEMIA Public Security Travel and Transport</p> 
12:20	<p>Futureproof Borders: Building Secure & Seamless Traveller and Trade Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology vision for traveller and trade systems. • Secure, seamless border crossings. • Futureproofing Australia’s border IT infrastructure. <p>Aled Hall, Director, Traveller, Cargo and Trade Delivery Office, Department of Home Affairs</p>
12:50	<p>Panel Discussion: Operational Innovation at Airports & Ports – Border Technology at the Frontline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart gates, sensors, and automation in action. • Tech-enabled passenger and cargo screening. • Boosting efficiency while tightening security. <p><i>Panel Members Include:</i></p> <p>Aled Hall, Director, Traveller, Cargo and Trade Delivery Office, Department of Home Affairs Jason Preece, Assistant Secretary of the Operations Strategy & Reform Branch in Biosecurity Operations Division, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</p>
13:20	<p>Lunch Break and Demo Zone Open</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
Criminal Networks and Border Control: A Regional Response	
14:20	<p>Targeting Illicit Trade: Securing Borders Against Tobacco and E-cigarette Smuggling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Amber Shuhyta, Commissioner, Illicit Tobacco and E-cigarette, Australian Border Force</p>

<p>14:50</p>	<p>Maritime Decision Advantage: Persistent AI Monitoring for the New Normal</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Key Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Brian Lee, Head of the Pre-Sales and Services, APAC, Planet</p> 
<p>15:10</p>	<p>Afternoon Break & Demo Zone Open</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>
<p>Maritime Border Security</p>	
<p>15:40</p>	<p>Operation Sovereign Borders – Tech-Enabled Maritime Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveraging advanced surveillance to protect Australia’s maritime domain.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated response across Defence, Border Force, and partner agencies. • Tech-driven deterrence of illegal maritime ventures. <p>Rear Admiral Lee Goddard, former Commander Maritime Border Command & Operation Sovereign Borders.</p>
16:10	<p>Chairperson's Closing Remarks</p> <p>Rear Admiral Lee Goddard, former Commander Maritime Border Command & Operation Sovereign Borders.</p>
16:20	<p>Border Technology ANZ Summit – Drinks Reception & Demo Zone Open</p> <p>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.</p>