



Commonwealth Fact Sheet



THE SECURITY OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACT 2018

If your project involves foreign involvement in Australia's critical infrastructure through investment, third party contractual arrangements and supply chains, you must comply with this Act.

1. What approvals do I need?

Foreign involvement in Australia's critical infrastructure, including through investment, third party contractual arrangements and supply chains, is essential to ensure Australia harnesses global skills and capabilities.

The definition of critical infrastructure under the Act is [here](#).

The [Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018](#) is designed to manage national security risks from foreign involvement in Australia's critical infrastructure. The [Security of Critical Infrastructure Rules 2018](#) prescribe critical infrastructure assets and provide further information on requirements for reporting.

To determine if you are an owner or operator of a critical infrastructure asset, please refer to the Act and supporting documentation such as the 'Coverage of the Security of Critical Infrastructure Act 2018' and the 'Requirements for reporting entities under the Act' Factsheets.

These factsheets, and other resources can be found on the [Critical Infrastructure Centre](#) website.

2. Who provides approvals?

The Critical Infrastructure Centre prepare risk assessments on an asset considered critical

This fact sheet provides general information and does not constitute legal advice. You should seek independent legal advice tailored to your individual circumstances. The Major Projects Facilitation Agency (MPFA) assists Major Project Proponents to navigate the approvals process. The MPFA does not grant approvals, nor administer this Act or Regulations.

infrastructure. Risk assessments support the foreign investment assessments by Treasury and the Foreign Investment Review Board.

3. How do I get Commonwealth approval?

Guidelines and information regarding the [Security of Critical Infrastructure](#) are available online.

4. More information

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For more information on foreign involvement in Australia's critical infrastructure, visit the [Critical Infrastructure Centre](#) or phone 02 5127 7387 or + 61 2 6196 0196 (from outside Australia).

Email: enquiries@cicentre.gov.au

State and Territory

The Critical Infrastructure works in close consultation with state and territory governments, regulators and private owners and operators. National Security Partners are listed [here](#).

Major Projects Facilitation Agency

If you would like assistance to identify the regulatory obligations for your project, please visit our [Online Tool](#) or contact us:

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