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# Cross-Sector Threat Intelligence Sharing

*An Australian Perspective*



It all started such a long time ago  
- (in a land far, far away) .....

# A brief discussion of relatively ancient history

**2009**

1st Australian Cyber Security Strategy is released

**2010**

CERT Australia and CSOC commence operations

**2014**

Australian Cyber Security Centre launched

# 2013: a first attempt

## *The story from business*

- Government won't share the good stuff
- They're too slow
- Classification & clearance gets in the way
- The information isn't actionable - what am I supposed to do with a "bad IP"?



# 2013: a first attempt

## *The story from government*

- They aren't mature enough for what we've got
- Security is important, we often get our intel from sharing partners and have to keep classification in mind
- They never share anything back to us or let us know how they use it



# 2013: a first attempt

## *We failed to come together*

- The moment wasn't right
- We didn't make the right case
- Companies and Government blamed each other



It took time, but the  
environment changed



# AUSTRALIA'S CYBER SECURITY STRATEGY

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# 61%

of Australian CEOs  
were concerned about  
Cyber threats in 2014

*Source: PwC's 18th Global CEO Survey.*

# 80%

of Australian CEOs  
were concerned about  
Cyber threats by 2016

*Source: PwC's 20th Global CEO Survey.*

Industry was ready to answer  
the Prime Minister's challenge

*Welcome*  
to... 



**TISC**

# The participants

**A large  
Telco**

**One of  
Australia's  
big four  
banks**

**Another  
one of  
Australia's  
big four  
banks**

**One of  
Australia's  
largest  
logistics  
companies**

**Australia's  
largest  
professional  
services  
firm**



**A large  
insurer**

**An airline**

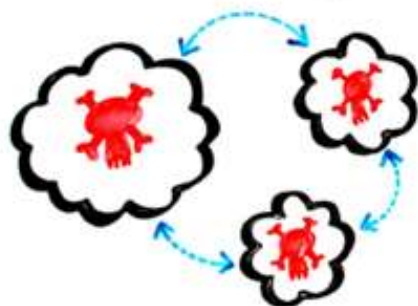
**A mining &  
resources  
company**

**A fast  
moving  
consumer  
goods  
(FMCG)  
company**

# THE CASE FOR SHARING...

THE CYBERCRIME BUSINESS MODEL IS THRIVING...

SHARING IS HOW WE CAN DISRUPT IT



**25%** OF CYBER ATTACKERS CLAIM THE NUMBER 1 REASON FOR THEIR SUCCESS IS INCREASED COLLABORATION...

**39%** OF ATTACKS WOULD HAVE BEEN HINDERED BY EFFECTIVE INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE ACROSS COMPANIES...

CYBER ATTACKERS SHARE INFORMATION...  
...AUSTRALIA SHOULD TOO.

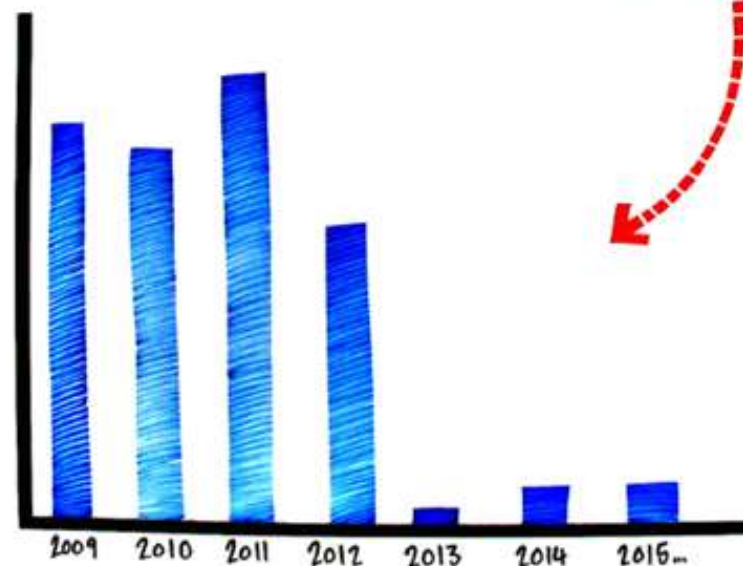
A SURVEY OF INFORMATION SECURITY LEADERS FOUND:

**63%** NOTED THAT SHARING INTELLIGENCE IMPROVES VISIBILITY INTO ATTACK TYPES...

**51%** SAW SHARING INTELLIGENCE LED TO FASTER AND MORE ACCURATE DETECTION AND RESPONSE...

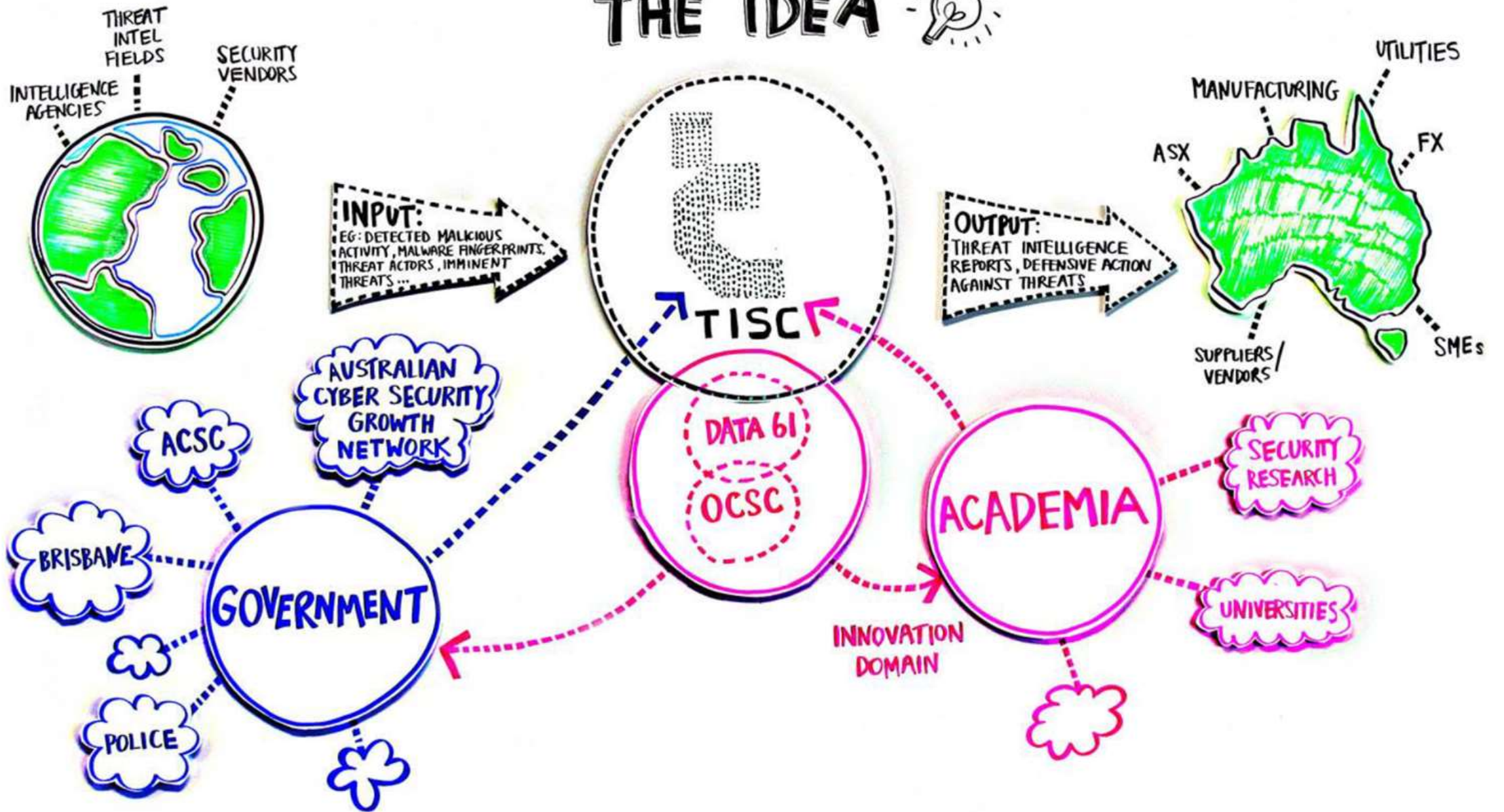
**48%** CITED REDUCTION IN INCIDENTS THROUGH EARLY PREVENTION...

# EXTENT OF COMPROMISE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT





# THE IDEA





# We were looking for more

## The proposed JCSC:

- Led by the Government
- Advisory board
- Manual online web platform
- Dedicated staff

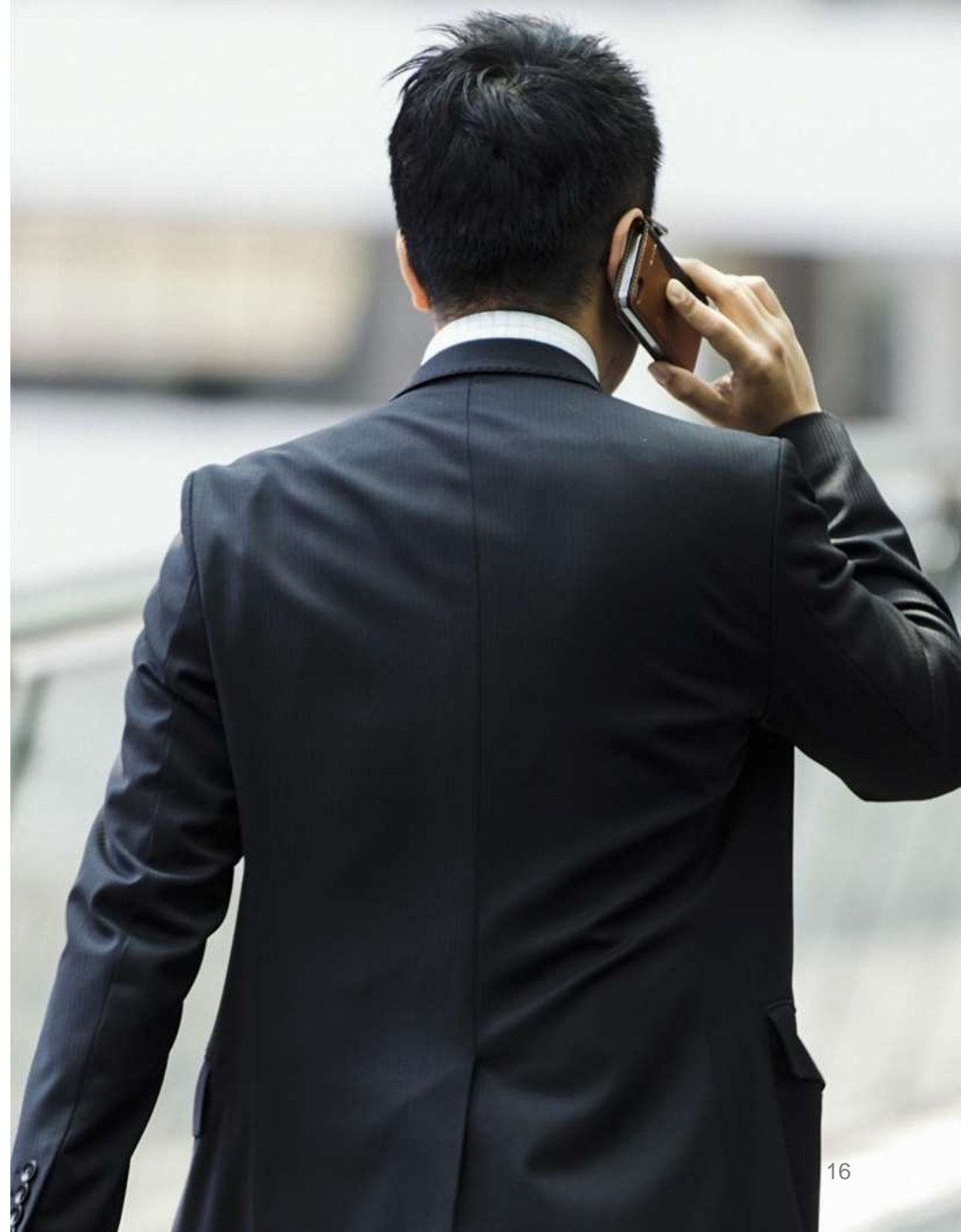
## The proposed TISC:

- Led by the private sector
- Governance board
- Automated sharing platform
- Dedicated staff

# We came together

## *A unified vision*

- JCSCs would adopt the TISC ideas
- Government funded
- Private sector led governance boards
- Automated sharing / platform would come later
- Dedicated staff, plus co-location of partner company staff at sites in each major city



# ACSC – 16 August, 2018



A lot has been achieved -  
but there is so much more to do

# Ongoing developments

## ASD now an Executive Agency

ASD used to be a part of the Defence Department, but now reports directly to the Minister, giving them more independence to pursue their mission.

## New location/building

The Australian Cyber Security Centre moved out of the highly restricted building it shared with the rest of ASD and into a multi-security zone building to enhance collaboration with industry

## ACSC new leadership

The Prime Minister's Cyber Special Advisor was appointed as head of ACSC, giving him operational control of the Government's defensive cyber capability

# We've still got work to do

## *Long term*

- Our progress has not yet given the CEOs comfort that we are doing enough
- ACSC as an independent agency?

## *Short term*

- We are still behind on automated sharing
- We need to do more to systematise the relationships that are the foundation for trusted sharing

89%

of Australian CEOs are concerned about cyber threats.

*Source: PwC's 21st Global CEO Survey*



1 – This is a Team Event

2 – Cultural Change

3 – Need for Speed!

Thank you