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### **AUSTRALIA'S CYBER SECURITY STRATEGY TO PROTECT NEWCASTLE**

Senator for NSW the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO has welcomed the Prime Minister's new Cyber Security Strategy.

Australia's Cyber Security Strategy sets out the Turnbull Government's plan for meeting the dual challenges of the digital age - advancing and protecting the online interests of Newcastle residents.

"There is no infrastructure more important to our future prosperity than an open, free and secure Internet. The security threats faced in Newcastle and across the country are real and are growing in severity and frequency," Senator Sinodinos said.

"Australians expect the Government to protect them from cyber-attack and defend our country against sophisticated national security threats. The private sector and government sector both have vital roles to play."

The Strategy complements the key elements of the Turnbull Government's Economic Plan - helping the transition to a new and more diverse economy which is fuelled by innovation, the opening of new markets and more investment in Australian enterprise.

Cyber security is already providing unique opportunities for innovation and the sector will allow many businesses in Newcastle to grow and prosper.

With the Innovation and Science Agenda and the Defence Industry Plan, this Strategy will help bring more Australian technologies to market, prepare our children for the jobs of the future by boosting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) participation and support and create innovative Australian companies.

The Cyber Security Strategy will deliver improved cyber security for the nation through 33 new initiatives, supported by more than \$230 million in Australian Government funding directly resulting in more than 100 new jobs to boost the Government's cyber security capacity and capabilities.

This investment complements the \$400 million over the next decade - and roughly 800 specialist jobs - the Government has committed to improve Defence's cyber and intelligence capabilities through the 2016 Defence White Paper.

"Australia's Cyber Security Strategy, the Government's blueprint for a safe and secure cyber future, will ensure we all continue to benefit from the vast opportunities of the global online economy."

To read the strategy in full visit [cybersecuritystrategy.dpmc.gov.au](http://cybersecuritystrategy.dpmc.gov.au)

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