

Key amendments to the *SOCI Act* (as at 26 September 2022)

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Item No.	Power / Obligation	<i>SOCI Act</i>	Assets	Sectors	Commencement Date
1.	Secrecy obligations and offence	Part 4, Div 3	Critical infrastructure assets (see <i>SOCI Act</i> definitions and <i>Definition Rules</i>) + Critical infrastructure sector assets ('supply chain' assets)	Each of the 11 critical infrastructure sectors (Energy, communications, data storage/processing, financial services/markets, water/sewerage, health care/medical, higher education/research, food/grocery, transport, space technology and defence industry) + supply chains	3 December 2021
2.	Government powers to intervene	Part 3A	Critical infrastructure assets + Critical infrastructure sector assets	Each of the 11 critical infrastructure sectors + supply chains	3 December 2021
3.	Government powers to issue directions and to obtain information	Part 3; Part 4, Div 2	Critical infrastructure assets	Each of the 11 critical infrastructure sectors	3 December 2021
4.	Mandatory notification of cyber security incidents	Part 2B	Critical infrastructure assets , to the extent specified in rules or a Ministerial declaration	21 asset classes specified in the <i>Application Rules</i> in the communications, data storage/processing, energy, financial services/markets, food/grocery, health care/medical, higher education/research, transport and water/sewerage sectors	8 July 2022
5.	Register requirements	Part 2	Critical infrastructure assets that pre-date the <i>SOCI Act</i> reforms	Specific assets in the electricity, gas, water and maritime ports sectors	Ongoing
			Other critical infrastructure assets , to the extent specified in rules or a Ministerial declaration	13 asset classes specified in the <i>Application Rules</i> in the communications, data storage/processing, energy, financial services/markets, food/grocery, health care/medical, freight and public transport sectors	Commenced 8 April 2022 with grace period for compliance ending 8 October 2022
6.	Risk management program obligations	Part 2A	Critical infrastructure assets , to the extent specified in rules or a Ministerial declaration	11 asset classes proposed in the communications, data storage/processing, energy, financial services/markets, health care/medical, water/sewerage and defence industry sectors in the first instance	'Switch on' date to be announced (via commencement of the <i>Risk Management Program Rules</i> or Ministerial Declaration) + likely grace period of 6 – 18 months
7.	Enhanced cyber security obligations	Parts 2C and 6A	Critical infrastructure assets , to the extent declared by the Minister to be a system of national significance		'Switch on' date for each affected asset to be confirmed by Ministerial declaration, preceded by mandatory consultation period