

SUBMISSION FROM MEDICINES AUSTRALIA

Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Systems of National Significance: Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the above topic.

As you may be aware, Medicines Australia leads the research-based pharmaceutical industry in Australia. Our members discover, develop, manufacture medicines and vaccines that bring health, social and economic benefits to Australia. Our members invest in Australian medical research and take local discoveries and developments to the world.

We note that critical infrastructure assets in the health sector are proposed to be those assets, systems or networks involved in the provision of health care, production of medicines, medical supplies and medical research. We also note that hospitals both private and public are proposed to be regulated critical infrastructure assets.

Medicines Australia and our members are an integral element of the systems and networks proposed to be captured as critical infrastructure assets and Medicines Australia, representing the research based pharmaceutical sector, is a member of the Health Sector Group as part of the Trusted Information Sharing Network (TISN).

While we have no specific comments on the broad reform framework at this stage, we are keen to be involved in the Sector design phase of the framework, to ensure that industry's needs and issues are appropriately considered in any sector-specific standards.

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We look forward to involvement in the next stages of consultation for this project

Yours sincerely

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