Business Can Help Fight Domestic Terrorism

Buildings and places of mass gathering are terrorist targets. Their potential both for significant casualties and graphic media footage make them attractive to terrorists.

The Mass Gatherings Infrastructure Assurance Advisory Group (MG-IAAG) is a government-industry body run by the Attorney-General’s Critical Infrastructure Protection Branch (AG-CIP).

The MG-IAAG has been working to increase collaboration between government bodies and industry on counter-terrorism.

### Business Can Help Fight Domestic Terrorism - Recommendations:

**First:** The Critical Infrastructure Advisory Council, the Police Ministers Council of Australasia, and the National Counter-Terrorism Committee should **consider and implement the MG-IAAG’s model** for improving Government Business Communication Partnerships.

**Second:** The AG-CIP should continue to **work with business groups** to increase terrorism preparedness.

**Third:** **Help resource-poor states and territories** to implement the government-business partnership model.

**Fourth:** Introduce a hierarchy of **national competency standards for security guards**, to promote portability and interstate recognition of credentials.

**Fifth:** **Maintain** the CIP’s **current level of resourcing** to allow this work to continue.

### Sources:


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