

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.

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- 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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