

Australia's AI Impact Assessment Tool — Mandatory Risk Screening for Every Commonwealth AI Use Case

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Australia

Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 15 Dec 2025, Australia's DTA requires every non-corporate Commonwealth agency to screen new AI use cases via a 12-section impact assessment tool checked against AI Ethics Principles; a pilot already surfaced risks existing governance had missed.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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