

# Completion report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> RNSA Workshop on Social Implications of National Security



**Event :** The Social Implications of National Security 2008  
*Australia and the New Technologies: Evidence Based Policy in Public Administration*

**Location :** Hotel Realm, Canberra

**Date :** 23 & 24 July 2008

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## Summary

This workshop addressed the application of evidence based policy in public administration. It specifically focused on the issue of new technologies in the form of product and process innovations rolled out in Australia since major international events (e.g. Sept 11, Boxing Day Tsunami, Avian Flu outbreak). These product and process innovations introduced for the ‘common good’ are usually mandated by government agencies, designed and implemented by private business, and obligatorily adopted by citizens in the name of national security.

The workshop investigated how information is gathered, processed and disseminated to provide evidence toward policy making. What qualitative and quantitative methods are used to make public administration decisions; how stakeholders are engaged and brought into the wider debate; how legislation is introduced and its effect; what ethical considerations are made prior to implementation of mass market information technologies; and the importance of maintaining the rights of citizens.

The workshop brought together academics and practitioners from multiple disciplines including law, information technology, sociology, ethics, policy, medical, business, accounting and economics.

All participants of the event were charged a registration fee.

Dr Katina Michael was the facilitator.

18 people attended the event.

Athol Yates, Outreach Manager, RNSA organised the logistics.

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**Event rationale** This event was supported by the RNSA because it contributed to the RNSA mission statement of *facilitating a knowledge-sharing network for research organisations, government and the private sector to develop research tools and methods to mitigate emerging safety and security issues.* A number of excellent contacts were made between the participants and speakers.

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## **Program**

### **Day 1: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008**

9:15am – Welcome, Katina Michael

9:20am – You are where you have been, Roger Clarke and Marcus Wigan

9:55am – Privacy and national identity cards: A legal and technical study, Steven R Clark

10:30am – National security and the misology-misanthropy paradox of technology, George Mickhail

11:00am – Morning Break

11:20am – The risk intelligence conundrum and its impact on governance, Mark Loves

11:50am – Policy implications of convergence in the new security environment: An investigation into the symbiosis between risk management and intelligence, Katina Michael and Mark Loves

12:10pm – Technology in foreign policy and national security: a factor, a tool, and mediator, Lucy Resnyansky

12:40pm – Lunch

1:40pm – Joined the RNSA research stream at the Safeguarding Australia Conference 2008

3:10pm – Afternoon Break

3:30pm – Using a RFID-University-based laboratory for homeland security applications testing, Samuel Fosso Wamba

4:00pm – Biometric data management: Challenges, policies and best practices, Suzanne Lockhart

4:30pm – What is trust online?, Nigel Phair

5:00pm – Day Close

### **Day 2: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

9:15am – Opening Comments, Katina Michael

9:20am – The enthusiasm for evidence: exploring the relationship between politics, policy and knowledge, Robert Watts and Greg Marston

10:00am – Using the tools of evidence-based practice in making decisions on national security, Chris Del Mar

10:50am – Governance and evidence based policy under a national security framework, Marcus Wigan

11:10am – Morning Break

11:30am – Profiting from personal information: Power, information privacy and evidence based policy, Mark Burdon

12:00pm – Questioning national security powers, David Vaile

12:40pm – Lunch

1:40pm – Joined the RNSA research stream at the Safeguarding Australia Conference 2008

2:30pm – The Future of the Social Implications of National Security Workshops: What We've Achieved and Where We are Headed, Katina Michael

3:00pm – Could terrorists acquire and detonate nuclear weapons? A Scenario, Nick O'Brien

3:30pm – Afternoon Break *optional*

3:30pm – User acceptance of location-based services for emergency management in Australia, Anas Aloudat

4:00pm – Close and Networking Opportunity

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