

# Victorian Protective Data Security Framework Business Impact Levels

Organisations should refer to the Commonwealth Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) if they assess information as having the potential to impact the national interest.

# **National Interest definition**

Information that has the potential to impact the National Interest refers to a matter which has or could have impact on Australia, including:

- + National security
- + International relations
- + Law and governance, including:
  - State / Territory relations
  - Law enforcement operations where compromise could hamper or prevent national crime prevention strategies or investigations or endanger personal safety
- + Economic wellbeing
- + Heritage, or
- + Culture

If the infomation is <u>not</u> in the National Interest refer to the VPDSF BILs on the following pages.

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