

**Table of bodies subject to the
Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997 (CAC Act)**

CAC Act body name ¹ and type of body ²	Economic sector ³ and financial classifications ⁴	Australian Business Number (ABN) ⁵	Enabling legislation and other key governance-related details ⁶
Agriculture Portfolio			
Cotton Research and Development Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	71 054 238 316	Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989 section 8 and Cotton Research and Development Regulations 1990 regulation 4
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	74 311 094 913	Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989 section 8 and Fisheries Research and Development Corporation Regulations 1991 regulation 4
Grains Research and Development Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	55 611 223 291	Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989 section 8 and Grains Research and Development Corporation Regulations 1990
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	72 618 007 571 NB registered as Grape and Wine R and D Corporation	Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989 section 8 and Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation Regulations 1991 regulation 4
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	25 203 754 319	Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development Act 1989 section 9 and Rural Industries Development Corporation Regulations 2000 regulation 6
Wine Australia Corporation (<i>Wine Australia</i>) <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Statutory Marketing Authority</i>	59 728 300 326	Wine Australia Corporation Act 1980 section 6
Attorney-General's Portfolio			
Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	88 072 479 835	ACN 072 479 835
Australia Council <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	38 392 626 187	Australia Council Act 1975 section 4

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Australian Film, Television and Radio School <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	19 892 732 021	Australian Film, Television and Radio School Act 1973 section 4
Australian Government Solicitor <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	Public Non- financial Corporation <i>Material Government Business Enterprise</i>	69 405 937 639	Judiciary Act 1903 section 55J
Australian National Maritime Museum <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	35 023 590 988	Australian National Maritime Museum Act 1990 section 5 Statutory Agency
Bundanon Trust <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	72 058 829 217	ACN 058 829 217
National Film and Sound Archive of Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	41 251 017 588	National Film and Sound Archive of Australia Act 2008 section 5 Statutory Agency
National Gallery of Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	27 855 975 449	National Gallery Act 1975 section 4
National Library of Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	28 346 858 075	National Library Act 1960 section 5 Statutory Agency
National Museum of Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	70 592 297 967	National Museum of Australia Act 1980 section 4 Statutory Agency
National Portrait Gallery of Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	54 742 771 196	National Portrait Gallery of Australia Act 2012 section 6 Statutory Agency
Screen Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	46 741 353 180	Screen Australia Act 2008 section 5. Screen Australia can engage staff under section 31 of the above Act. Statutory Agency
Communications Portfolio			
Australian Broadcasting Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	52 429 278 345	Created by the Broadcasting Act 1942 and is continued in existence under the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983 section 5. Subsection 78(7) of the Act provides that section 28 of the CAC Act does not apply to the Corporation.

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Australian Postal Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	Public Non-financial Corporation <i>Material Government Business Enterprise</i>	28 864 970 579	Created by the Postal Services Act 1975 and is continued in existence under the Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989 section 12
NBN Co Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by shares</i>	Public Non-financial Corporation <i>Material Government Business Enterprise</i>	86 136 533 741	ACN 136 533 741
Special Broadcasting Service Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	91 314 398 574	Created by the Broadcasting Act 1942 and is continued in existence under the Special Broadcasting Service Act 1991 section 5
Defence Portfolio <i>The Veterans' Affairs Portfolio, which is part of the Defence Portfolio, is listed separately at the end of this table.</i>			
AAF Company <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	82 008 629 490	ACN 008 629 490
Army and Air Force Canteen Service <i>(Frontline Defence Services) Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	69 289 134 420 NB Registered As Dept Of Defence Army & Air Force Canteen Service	Established by regulations under the Defence Act 1903
Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund (<i>Army Relief Trust Fund</i>) <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	52 168 913 646	Services Trust Funds Act 1947 section 27
Australian Strategic Policy Institute Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	77 097 369 045	ACN 097 369 045
Defence Housing Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material Government Business Enterprise</i>	72 968 504 934	Defence Housing Australia Act 1987 section 4 Statutory Agency
RAAF Welfare Recreational Company <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	45 008 499 303	ACN 008 499 303

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Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	40 594 141 285	Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act 1953 section 3, Subsection 5A (2) of the Act provides that subsection 18(3) of the CAC Act does not apply to the Trust.
Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	24 616 803 717 NB registered as the Trustee for the Royal Australian Air Force Welfare Trust Fund	Services Trust Funds Act 1947 section 30. Subsection 34(2) of the Act provides that subsection 18(3) of the CAC Act does not apply to the Trust.
Royal Australian Navy Central Canteens Board <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	50 616 294 781	Established by regulations under the Naval Defence Act 1910 .
Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	49 934 525 476	Services Trust Funds Act 1947 section 24. Subsection 34(2) of the Act provides that subsection 18(3) of the CAC Act does not apply to the Trust.
Education Portfolio			
Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	54 735 928 084	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008 section 5
Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	17 117 362 740	ACN 117 362 740
Australian National University <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	<i>Unclassified</i>	52 234 063 906	Australian National University Act 1991 section 4.
Employment Portfolio			
Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	Public Financial Corporation <i>Material</i>	12 039 670 644	Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Act 1992 section 6. Subsection 39(2) of the Act provides that subsection 18(3) of the CAC Act does not apply to the Corporation.

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Comcare <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	41 640 788 304	Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 section 68. Subsection 70B(2) of the Act provides that section 29 of the CAC Act does not apply to Comcare in relation to activities of its subsidiaries under Part VIII or contracts referred to in that Part of the Act. Subsection 90(1) of the Act provides that sections 27F to 27L of the CAC Act do not apply to the Director of Comcare. Comcare may employ staff under section 5 of the Act. Statutory Agency
Environment Portfolio			
Director of National Parks <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	13 051 694 963	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 section 514A. Subsection 514U(2) of the Act provides that sections 27G, 27H, 27J and 27K of the CAC Act do not apply to the Director.
Low Carbon Australia Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	61 141 478 748	ACN 141 478 748
NEPC Service Corporation <i>Statutory corporation subject only to sections 9, 18, 20 and Schedule 1 of the CAC Act.</i>	Unclassified	26 991 774 721	National Environment Protection Council Act 1994 section 35. The NEPC Service Corporation can engage staff under part 5 of the above Act. Statutory Agency
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	14 178 614 905	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Act 2001 section 5
Finance Portfolio			
Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation (Albury-Wodonga Corporation) <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	Public Non-financial Corporation, <i>Material</i>	71 893 478 442	Albury-Wodonga Development Act 1973 section 7

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Australian River Co. Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by shares</i>	Public Non-financial Corporation	94 008 654 206	ACN 008 654 206
ASC Pty Ltd <i>Commonwealth company, limited by shares</i>	Public Non-financial Corporation, <i>Material Government Business Enterprise</i>	64 008 605 034	ACN 008 605 034
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	48 882 817 243	Governance of Australian Superannuation Schemes Act 2011 section 5. CSC also has an APRA licence -L0001397
Medibank Private Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by shares</i>	Public Financial Corporation <i>Material Government Business Enterprise</i>	47 080 890 259	ACN 080 890 259
Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio			
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	Public Financial Corporation <i>Material</i>	96 874 024 697	Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act 1991 section 6
Tourism Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	99 657 548 712	Tourism Australia Act 2004 section 5
Health Portfolio			
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	97 250 687 371	National Health Reform Act 2011 section 8.
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	16 515 245 497	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987 section 4. AIHW may employ staff under section 19 of the Act. Statutory Agency
Australian Sports Commission <i>(Australian Institute of Sport)</i> <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	67 374 695 240	Australian Sports Commission Act 1989 section 5
Australian Sports Foundation Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	27 008 613 858	ACN 008 613 858

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Food Standards Australia New Zealand <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	20 537 066 246	Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991 section 6 Statutory Agency
General Practice Education and Training Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	95 095 433 140	ACN 095 433 140
Health Workforce Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	21 295 050 589	Health Workforce Australia Act 2009 section 4
Private Health Insurance Administration Council <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	50 831 782 014	National Health Act 1953 , section 82B. Section 264.1 of the Private Health Insurance Act 2007 continues PHIAC in existence.
Human Services Portfolio <i>The Human Services Portfolio is part of the Social Services portfolio, which is listed below.</i>			
Australian Hearing Services (Hearing Australia) <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	Public Non-financial Corporation <i>Material</i>	80 308 797 003	Australian Hearing Services Act 1991 section 7
Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio <i>There are no CAC Act bodies in the Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio.</i>			
Infrastructure and Regional Development Portfolio			
Airservices Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	Public Non-financial Corporation <i>Material</i>	59 698 720 886	Air Services Act 1995 section 7
Australian Maritime Safety Authority <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	65 377 938 320	Australian Maritime Safety Authority Act 1990 section 5
Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by shares</i>	Public Non-financial Corporation <i>Material</i> <i>Government Business Enterprise</i>	75 081 455 754	ACN 081 455 754
Civil Aviation Safety Authority <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	44 808 014 470	Civil Aviation Act 1988 section 8
Moorebank Intermodal Company Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by shares</i>	Public Non-Financial Corporation <i>Material</i>	64 161 635 105	ACN 161 635 105

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National Transport Commission <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	67 890 861 578	National Transport Commission Act 2003 Under part 6, the NTC can employ staff under either the above Act, or the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> . Statutory Agency

Industry Portfolio

Australian Institute of Marine Science <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	78 961 616 230	Australian Institute of Marine Science Act 1972 section 7
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector, <i>Material</i>	47 956 969 590	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Act 1987 section 4
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	35 931 927 899	Created by the <i>Australian Renewable Energy Agency Act 2012</i> section 7.
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector, <i>Material</i>	41 687 119 230	Science and Industry Research Act 1949 section 8
IIF Investments Pty Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by shares</i>	General Government Sector	55 082 153 884	ACN 082 153 884

The Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Aboriginal Hostels Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	47 008 504 587	ACN 008 504 587 Statutory Agency under section 200 of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005 .
CAC Act body name⁷ and type of body⁸	Economic sector⁹ and financial classifications¹⁰	Australian Business Number (ABN)¹¹	Enabling legislation and other key governance-related details¹²
Anindilyakwa Land Council	General Government Sector	45 175 406 445	Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	62 020 533 641	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act 1989 section 4 Statutory Agency
Central Land Council <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	71 979 619 393	Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 section 21

Indigenous Business Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	25 192 932 833	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005 section 145
Indigenous Land Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	59 912 679 254	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005 section 191A. Subsection 193K (1) of the Act provides that subsection 18(3) of the CAC Act does not apply to the Corporation.
National Australia Day Council Limited <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	76 050 300 626	ACN 050 300 626
Northern Land Council <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	56 327 515 336	Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 section 21
Outback Stores Pty Ltd <i>Commonwealth company limited by shares</i>	General Government Sector	63 120 661 234	ACN 120 661 234
Tiwi Land Council <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	86 106 441 085 NB registered as Tiwi Land Council Incorporated	Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 section 21
Torres Strait Regional Authority <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	57 155 285 807	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005 section 142. Subsection 144ZA (5) of the Act provides that section 14 of the CAC Act does not apply to the Authority. Statutory Agency
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	62 564 797 956	Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986 section 4

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Social Services Portfolio			
Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd <i>Commonwealth company, limited by guarantee</i>	General Government Sector	64 079 618 652	ACN 079 618 652

National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency (National Disability Insurance Agency). <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector	25 617 475 104	National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 section 117.
Treasury Portfolio			
Australian Reinsurance Pool Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	Public Financial Corporation <i>Material</i>	74 807 136 872	Terrorism Insurance Act 2003 section 9
Clean Energy Finance Corporation <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	43 669 904 352	Clean Energy Finance Corporation Act 2012 section 8
Reserve Bank of Australia <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	Public Financial Corporation <i>Material</i>	50 008 559 486	Reserve Bank Act 1959 section 7. Subsection 7A (1) of the Act provides that sections 14 and 18 of the CAC Act do not apply to the Bank.
Veterans' Affairs Portfolio			
<i>The Veterans' Affairs Portfolio is part of the Defence portfolio, which is listed above.</i>			
Australian War Memorial <i>Commonwealth authority</i>	General Government Sector <i>Material</i>	64 909 221 257	Australian War Memorial Act 1980 section 4 Statutory Agency

¹ The full CAC Act body list contains 86 bodies, including 66 Commonwealth authorities and 20 companies.

² **Commonwealth authority** means a Commonwealth authority as defined under the [Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997](#) (CAC Act) – a body created by legislation with a separate legal identity from the Commonwealth and with the power to hold money on its own account.

Commonwealth company limited by shares means a company limited by shares, incorporated under the [Corporations Act 2001](#) and which the Commonwealth controls for the purposes of the CAC Act.

Commonwealth company limited by guarantee means a company limited by guarantee, incorporated under the [Corporations Act 2001](#), and which the Commonwealth controls for the purposes of the CAC Act.

Definitions of a company limited by shares and a company limited by guarantee are set out in section 9 of the [Corporations Act 2001](#).

³ **General Government Sector** means that the body is classified in Government Finance Statistics in the [General Government Sector](#). The primary function of this type of entity is to provide public services that are mainly non-market in nature, and for the collective consumption of the community, or that involve the transfer or redistribution of income. These services are largely financed through taxes and other compulsory levies, although user charging and external funding have increased in recent years.

Public Non-financial Corporation means the body is classified in Government Finance Statistics as a [Public Non-financial Corporation](#). The primary function of entities in this sector is to provide goods and services which are mainly market, non-regulatory and non-financial in nature, financed mainly through sales to the consumers of the goods and services.

Public Financial Corporation means the body is classified in Government Finance Statistics as a [Public Financial Corporation](#). These are entities which perform central banking functions; accept demand, time or savings deposits; or have the authority to incur liabilities and acquire financial assets in the market on their own account.

⁴ **Material** means “material entity” as classified by the Department of Finance and Deregulation. This means that the body is included in the group of Commonwealth entities which together make up at least 99% of total revenues, expenses, liabilities and assets based on the audited financial statements of those entities amended for known changes to materiality. Material entities are required to produce more detailed financial information than non-material entities, for the purposes of providing monthly, end-of-year and estimates reports to the Department

of Finance and Deregulation. A non-material agency means an entity that is classified by the Department of Finance and Deregulation as a ‘**small agency**’ that does not have the reporting requirements outlined above. **Statutory Marketing Authority** means a body that is prescribed as a Statutory Marketing Authority under regulation 5 of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Regulations 1997*, as amended, for the purposes of the CAC Act.

Government Business Enterprise means a body that is prescribed as a Government Business Enterprise under regulation 4 of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Regulations 1997* as amended, for the purposes of the CAC Act.

⁵ An Australian Business Number (ABN) is an 11 digit identifier that makes it easier for businesses and all levels of government to interact. Further information is available at www.abr.business.gov.au

⁶ Relevant Commonwealth legislation may be found at www.comlaw.gov.au.

An Australian Company Number (ACN) is a unique, nine-digit number issued to every company in Australia. More information may be found at www.asic.gov.au/asic/asic.nsf/byheadline/Australian+Company+Numbers

Statutory Agency (recorded against some bodies in the far right hand column) means the agency is identified in its enabling legislation as a Statutory Agency for the purposes of the *Public Service Act 1999*, whereby the legislation provides for the Agency Head to employ APS employees for that Agency.

Disclaimer: This list is not a prescribed list. While the Department of Finance and Deregulation needs to be consulted by agencies in relation to the creation or abolition of any CAC Act bodies, this list is provided for general information only and readers should obtain specialist advice before acting on it. In particular, for confirmation of the ABN for any entries, please check with the relevant body.

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