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National Security Strategy

Prime Minister Julia Gillard launched Australia's first National Security Strategy on 23 January 2013. *Strong and Secure: A Strategy for Australia's National Security* complements the *Australia in the Asian Century* white paper released on 28 October 2012 and will focus national security efforts on the risks and challenges that come with change in the region.

The strategy builds on the government's 2008 National Security Statement. It identifies the main threats to Australia's national security as instability in our region, conflict and coercion affecting our interests, malicious cyber activity, terrorism, espionage, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and serious and organised crime.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, under the guidance of the National Security Adviser, will drive implementation of the strategy across Government. Copies of the strategy are available online at www.dpmc.gov.au.

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