Quarterly Assurance update from Policy to Evidence

SmartAI Connect

Build capability not consultant dependency

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Organisations must now prove how AI, suppliers and operational technology are governed. SmartAIConnect connects evidence from internal systems, suppliers and AI project decisions through to operation.

What has changed

- PASS (AI Project Assurance Software Solution) v4: design, approval, acceptance and operation AI deployments.
- TestaMark released: continuous internal and third- and fourth-party cyber security assurance
- ISO/IEC 42001 certification added alongside. ISO/IEC 27001, with an expanded scope
- AI Assurance Advisory Services and practical AI workshops now available

Why this matters

AI & cyber leaders
show accountable decisions, evidence and control ownership

Project & risk teams
follow requirements from design through acceptance and operation

Procurement & supplier teams
connect internal controls with third- and fourth-party assurance

Physical security teams
monitor supported camera image health and deployment evidence

Regulatory radar is changing in Australia for AI

- **Privacy Act: automated-decision transparency from 10 December 2026**
  - Why it matters - significant automated decisions using personal information must be explained in privacy policies.
- **Australian Government AI policy: 21st October 2026 - v2.1 updated**
  - Why it matters - accountable owners, reigsters, staff training and AI impact assessments are expected.
- **PSPF Release 2026: AI use training and frontier model AI guidance**
  - Why it matters - AI use now forms part of protective security readiness
- **ISM September 2026: AI identities, privilege, logs and human approval**
  - Why it matters - govern AI agents with unique identities, least privilege, central logs and human approval.
- **Workplace, health and safety: existing duties apply as AI changes work**
  - Why it matters - consult workers, control physical and psychosocial risks when AI impacts workplace.

PASS



AI Assurance (implementation support)

- Built around implementation of our **PASS** platform with (optional) customisation
- Proactive and continuous risk management
- Independent whole of Enterprise project level assurance advisory support
- Integrated LMS knowledge base
- Experienced AI project / GRC assurance advisors and SME support
- Tiered Support Program based around customer capability and value preferences
- Customer capability over consultant dependency

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What changed and why it matters

Product, certification and market updates, explained.

- **PASS release v4 - DESIGN TO ACCEPTANCE**
  - PASS expands with AI Project and Risk lifecycle, physical asset register and approval history.
  - Supports evidence aligned to Australian Government DTA lifecycle and ASD ISM governance reference points.
  - Integrated, secure AI image-health monitoring is available for supported deployments.
  - https://www.smartaiconnect.com



- **TestaMark released - New Cyber Security Platform**
  - Continuous cybersecurity control for internal and third- and fourth-party supplier assurance.
  - Live evidence signals, audit history and supplier assurance whether controls are current and where follow-up is needed.
  - Co-designed with Australian superannuation organisations.
  - https://www.testamark.com

CPS 230 | CPS 234 | ISO 27001 | Essential Eight | NIST CSF | NIST AI RMF | ISO 42001

- **ISO/IEC 42001 (AI Management System) certification**
  - SmartAIConnect is now certified to ISO/IEC 42001 and ISO/IEC 27001 under the following management system scope:
    "The provision of a software-based platform to facilitate cybersecurity and AI assurance of suppliers and projects as a developer, deployer & user."
    These certifications apply to SmartAIConnect's management systems and stated scope.
  - PASS was reviewed as an AI deployment and assurance platform.

- **Other News**
  - Procurement access spans:
    - Australian Government BuyICT SaaS Cloud Marketplace
    - Queensland Government IT & Telecomms & Local Buy ICT LB308 - Vendor Panel
    - Buy NSW & Buying for Victoria arrangements
  - Partner expansion:
    - SQX (Industry & Smart Cities) - Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam (https://www.securex.hk)
    - AeroSafe (Defence / Aviation / Transport) Australia (https://www.aerosafe.com.au)
    - Next IT & Systems (Industry & Smart Cities) - - Middle East (https://www.nextuae.com)
    - Luxriot APAC (Physical Security bundle) - Australia / NZ (https://www.luxriot.com)
  - Online AI Education course released - Smart Cities Council / IFZA UAE: "Understanding AI Implementation" - click here

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Start with one AI project or one material supplier to test PASS or TestaMark

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