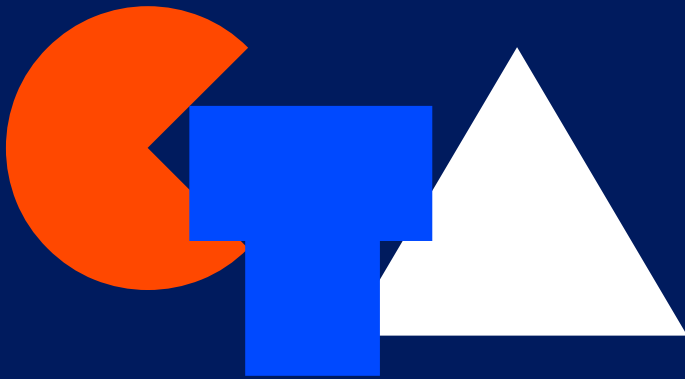




Connecting Technology Awards

Submission Pack
2026

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Introduction



About the Alliance?

The Connected Technology Alliance (The Alliance) is Australia's largest community of organisations working in connected and trusted technology. Founded in 2016 as IoT Alliance Australia, the Alliance is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2026 with a rebrand that reflects how far the sector and the organisation have travelled.

Over the past decade, the Alliance has brought together technology providers, government and end users to develop practical standards, shape policy and build trust in connected systems. Now its work spans three core areas: trusted technology, connected systems and data, and industry transformation.

A standout achievement is the advancement of the Security Labelling Scheme for Smart Devices, co-designed with the Department of Home Affairs, aimed at becoming a national benchmark for industry-government collaboration on cyber security.

Ten years on, the Alliance remains focused on practical outcomes: clear guidelines, supportive regulation and a unified industry voice. As Australia moves deeper into AI and automation, the Alliance continues shaping the standards that will define trusted technology for the next decade.

About the Awards

The Connecting Technology Awards are a chance to shine a spotlight on the people and projects moving the sector forward, and to give that work the recognition it deserves.

There's a bigger payoff too. When great work gets seen, it gives the rest of the industry something to aim for and raises the bar for everyone. It also helps buyers and the government identify proven practices that shape what gets funded and deployed. And at the heart of it, these awards are about the people behind the work and recognising their achievements in advancing trusted connected technology.



Award Categories



Overview

There are five award categories in 2026. Three (3) follow the Alliance's workstreams and are open to organisations, and two (2) additional categories recognise individuals.

Applicants may enter in or nominate for more than one category but must submit a separate entry for each.

The five categories are:

1. **Trusted Technology** – delivering technology solutions with the highest levels of security and governance that deliver greater trust.
2. **Connected Systems and Data** – demonstrating leading interoperability of converging technologies and data stewardship.
3. **Industry Transformation** – advancing technology adoption and shaping the future of emerging technologies.
4. **Government Leader** – an individual driving trusted connected technology progress in government.
5. **Industry Leader** – awarded to an individual driving trusted connected technology progress in industry

The submission requirements (criteria) for each category are defined below.

Trusted Technology Award

This award is for work that lifts the security and trustworthiness of connected technology. This includes security by design, cyber governance, and adoption of recognised standards. It also rewards the shift from trusted, a status given to a thing, to trustworthy, a standard a thing has been shown to meet.

Submissions will be assessed on:

- Outcomes: Clear, measurable improvement in security and trust, not just intent.
- Standards: Alignment to recognised standards or schemes, such as ISO/IEC TS 5723:2022.
- Governance: Clear accountability for decisions, risks and ongoing maintenance.
- Repeatability: An approach others could adopt, and not just a one-off.
- Honesty: An open discussion of the risks, trade-offs and limits involved.

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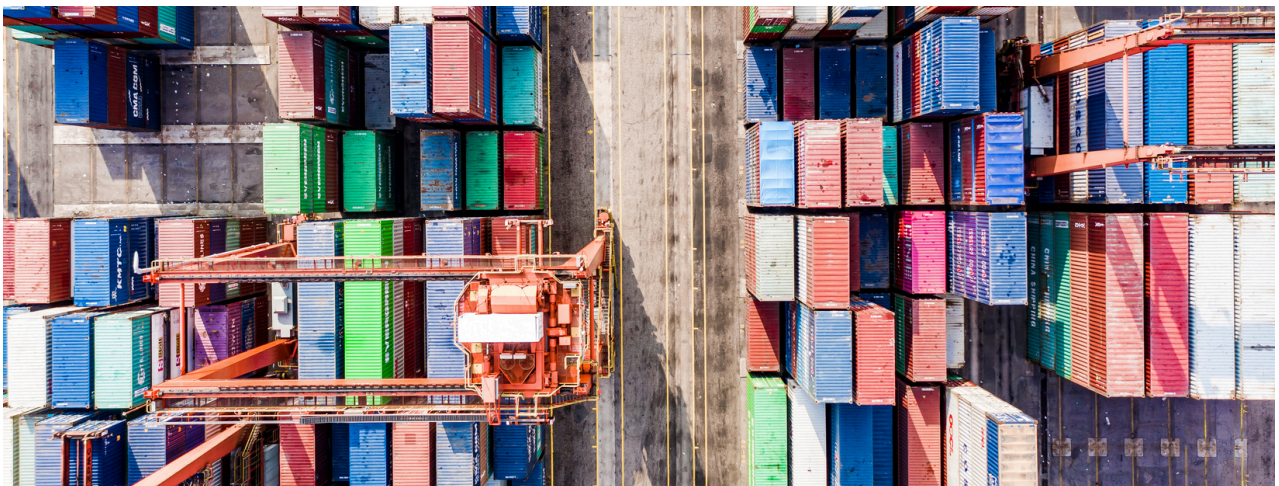


Connected Systems and Data Award

This award is for work that integrates connected systems and uses data effectively. This covers interoperability across vendors and systems, sound data governance, and getting reliable results from connected devices at scale.

Submissions will be assessed on:

- Interoperability: Demonstrated ability to work across systems, vendors and/or platforms.
- Data governance: Sound handling of data, including privacy, quality and access.
- Performance: Measurable gains in efficiency, reliability and/or service.
- Scale: Evidence the approach holds up beyond a small trial or pilot.
- Reusable lessons: Insights others in the sector can apply.



Industry Transformation Award

This award is for organisations using emerging technology to change how an industry works. This includes Physical AI, automation and the workforce skills needed to run them. We are interested in real adoption, not pilots or research still underway.

Submissions will be assessed on:

- Problem: A clear business or sector problem the work set out to solve.
- Adoption: Evidence of real, sustained use, beyond a pilot.
- Workforce: Investment in skills and capability to run the technology.
- Outcomes: Measurable results for the organisation or the sector.
- Honesty: An account of what did not work, and what was learned.

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Government Leader Award

This award is for an individual in government, at any level, who has advanced connected and trusted technology through policy, procurement or delivery. Open to people in federal, state, territory and local government.

Submissions will be assessed on:

- Contribution: A clear personal contribution through policy, procurement or delivery.
- Public benefit: Public value delivered or enabled by the work.
- Collaboration: Working effectively across government and with industry.
- Outcomes: Evidence of results, not just activity.
- Transferability: Practice that others in government can learn from.

Industry Leader Award

This award is for an individual in the private sector who has driven progress in connected and trusted technology. This recognises personal contribution and influence, not the size of the organisation behind them.

Submissions will be assessed on:

- Contribution: A clear, attributable personal contribution.
- Influence: Impact on practice beyond their own organisation.
- Capability: Mentoring others or building skills in the sector.
- Outcomes: Evidence of what changed as a result.
- Conduct: A standard of conduct that reflects well on the sector.

How to Submit



Who can Enter

- Organisations may enter the three workstream awards. Individuals can nominate for the two individual awards.
- You can nominate yourself or nominate someone else for the individual awards. If you nominate another person, please ensure you get their consent first.
- Both Alliance members and non-members may enter.

What to Submit

Your submission must be a single Word document of no more than three (3) pages, addressing the criteria nominated for each relevant category. You may include supporting images or diagrams in addition to your three (3) page allocation. Any images and/or diagrams must be embedded in the Word document.

Your three pages must include as a minimum:

- A short summary of the nominated work or person, in plain English.
- A response to each assessment criterion for that category, with evidence.
- Any results or outcomes you can point to, with supporting figures where you have them.

It is strongly recommended to write in plain English and to back any claims with evidence. Marketing language without proof will not score well.

How to Submit

- Lodge your submission through the entry portal [here](#).
- Use the file name format: Category - Entrant name.
- Questions can be directed to the awards team at hello@iot.org.au.

Key Dates

- Submissions open: Tuesday 7 July
- Submissions close: Friday 14 August (11:59pm)
- Winners announced: Connecting Technology Summit (in person, 2 September, 2026)

Other Information

- One submission per category per entrant.
- Submissions are reviewed by an independent assessment panel against the published criteria for each category.
- The panel may choose not to award a category if no submission meets the standard.
- By entering, you agree the Alliance may name winners and describe winning work in its communications.
- The assessment panel's decision is final.



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