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Ben leads McGrathNicol's National Security Risk practice in South Australia, providing specialised advice on the full spectrum of national security risks faced by Australian government and industry. With over 25 years of experience, Ben is known as an industry leader with a particular focus on enterprise security, counter foreign interference, and insider threat risk mitigation, strategy advice and investigations.

Ben specialises in enhancing security and risk awareness, shaping strategies, and cultivating a robust security culture across corporate, government, and industry sectors. He plays a pivotal role in conducting intricate and sensitive investigations, providing counsel on national security threats, and formulating mitigation strategies. With a wealth of experience in leading teams under high-pressure and complex circumstances, Ben advises to the highest levels of government and industry, exhibiting his expertise in security threat and risk management.

Ben's background encompasses significant roles in the national security arena, including positions within government and industry including, as the Security and Risk Program Manager and Deputy Chief Information Security Officer for a Defence Industry Prime. Ben has a proven track record of assisting clients identify and navigate complex security and personnel risks, ensuring the efficient and secure operation of organisations. Ben is recognised for his exceptional communication skills and leadership in the field of security and risk management.

Areas of expertise include:

- Security and Risk Management
- Counter Espionage and Foreign Interference
- Insider Risk
- Information and Cyber Security Awareness and Risk
- Investigations
- Counter-intelligence

Qualifications & Memberships —

- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (LLB/LP)
- ISO 27001 Lead Implementor
- Defence Industry Security Program (DISP) Security Officer
- Australian Information Security Association (AISA) - Adelaide Branch Member
- ISACA - SA Branch Member
- ASIS International Member

Board Roles —

- Chair of Australian Cyber Collaboration Centre (Aus3C) Strategic Advisory Committee



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