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Enhancing the role of audit in tackling corruption

External indicator Open Budget Index: 79/100

Evidence-based qualitative assessment of impact:

- » Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) provides audit and assurance services across government. The Audit Work Programme for 2022-23 includes financial statement audits and 85 potential performance and assurance topics. Comprehensive details about the work programme are provided on the [ANAO website](#).
- » ANAO has been critical of some government programmes, particularly in relation to irregular procurement processes and use of public funds. Examples include is the [Entrepreneurs' Programme](#) and a [car park](#) scheme.
- » The [International Budget Partnership 2021](#) oversight score for ANAO is 83 compared to a global average score of 63.
- » The ANAO also engages in capacity building across the region to strengthen countries' management of their own audit functions.



Promoting public participation and anti-corruption education

External indicator World Justice Project, Open Government Score: 0.74/1



Evidence-based qualitative assessment of impact:

- » [Public-private partnership](#) (Bribery Prevention Network) launched in October 2020 bringing together private sector, civil society, government and academia to provide free resources to help corporates implement anti-bribery programmes. Runner up in the Anti Corruption Collective Action Awards 2022.
- » Following 2022 elections, [a new independent National Anti-Corruption Commission is due to be established by the end of 2022](#). This will have wide-ranging powers to investigate corruption in federal government. This addresses a number of recent scandals and concerns from civil society that corruption in federal government is not being adequately tackled.
- » An overview of Australia's progress in relation to its Open Government Commitments and the progress in developing its 2020-22 action plan is [provided](#).

Professional enablers of money laundering

External indicator FATF IO4: Moderate effectiveness

Evidence-based qualitative assessment of impact:

- » The Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission has warned that accountants, lawyers and real estate agents are facilitating the laundering of billions of dollars from organised crime, [particularly through the housing market](#).
- » In March 2022, the Senate published the results of its inquiry into Australia's AML/CTF regime. This focused on the lack of AML regulation of enablers and Australia's non-compliance with the relevant FATF recommendations. [The report](#) recommended that the government accelerate action to bring professional services into scope of the AML/CTF regulations.



Promoting anti-corruption in the renewable energy sector

External indicator TBC



Evidence-based qualitative assessment of impact:

- » Australia's new government has committed to being a ['renewable energy superpower'](#).
- » Transparency International has highlighted the [corruption risks associated with energy transitional minerals](#); a 2017 report from TI Australia provided [examples](#) of corruption in the awarding of licenses to mine minerals in Western Australia.