



# AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION MEDIA RELEASE



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## ACC unveils latest crime fighting intelligence tool

The Australian Crime Commission (ACC) today unveiled the latest version of its leading edge Australian Criminal Intelligence Database (ACID)<sup>1</sup> to police officers and law enforcement agencies from all over the country.

The substantial upgrade and new tools will enable crime fighters to improve sharing of criminal information and intelligence between Commonwealth, state and territory law enforcement agencies, and will improve national criminal intelligence production.

“The upgrade will encourage law enforcement agencies across Australia to contribute a greater diversity of information and intelligence, making the database a highly valuable intelligence tool in fighting organised crime,” ACC Chief Executive Officer Alastair Milroy said.

New capability includes text analysis and socio network analysis tools to enable law enforcement to better understand the criminal environment by analysing patterns within unstructured text, and to detect and map criminal networks.

It also includes a centralised clandestine laboratory information repository and a standardised national approach for recording information collected at seizures, making it easier for police to contribute information from the field.

The latest release of ACID also provides a more user-friendly interface, enhanced search capabilities and a greater capacity to hold more criminal intelligence data.

“ACID has evolved into a capability-rich analytical environment and we have been able to refine and integrate technologies to improve collection, analysis and dissemination of criminal intelligence,” Mr Milroy said.

“It will also build effective information and intelligence sharing relationships across the Australian law enforcement community, providing an analytical space for tactical and strategic criminal intelligence for both basic and advanced users.”

*For further information about the ACC, and its body of work known as its Determinations, visit:*

<http://www.crimecommission.gov.au>

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<sup>1</sup> The Australian Criminal Intelligence Database (ACID), operates through the Australian Law Enforcement Intelligence Net (ALEIN).