

SOVEREIGN SUITE

# Living Legal, Privacy & Compliance Framework

*The canonical governance document for Sovereign Suite. Every Trust Centre page inherits from — and must remain consistent with — this framework.*

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## 0. About this framework

Sovereign Suite is a verification engine and companion product suite for records that people rely on. It is published under Australian Privacy Network (ABN 86 921 751 764, ACN 695 272 836), an Australian entity operating under Australian law.

This Framework is the master governance document for the platform. It is the single source of truth from which every other policy on the site is derived. Where a product-specific document says something more specific, it must be consistent with this Framework. If it is not, this Framework prevails and the derivative document is corrected.

It is called a living framework because the platform evolves. We update this document as the product changes, and we update the derivative documents in the same pass so they cannot drift.

## 1. Governing principles

Six principles govern everything we build and operate.

- Evidence before data. The original evidence is preserved first; the ledger records integrity and provenance metadata about it.
- Immutable raw layer. Records placed on the Sovereign ledger are append-only. Corrections are made by adding a superseding record.
- Portable, independently verifiable receipts. Trust does not depend on continued access to us.
- Data minimisation. We collect the least information required to operate a feature that actually exists.
- Human oversight on consequential decisions. Automation surfaces evidence; people decide.
- Public statements are commitments. Nothing on the public site describes a capability that is not part of the current production release. Planned capabilities are marked as planned.

## 2. Who we are and what we operate

Sovereign Suite is the product; Australian Privacy Network is the publisher. Correspondence for legal, privacy, security and general matters is directed to [privacy@sovereignsuite.com.au](mailto:privacy@sovereignsuite.com.au). We do not publish a residential address; postal correspondence can be arranged on request.

The current production surface is the public website at [sovereignsuite.com.au](https://sovereignsuite.com.au). The verification engine, workspace, and companion modules described elsewhere on the

site are under active development; anything not yet in production is described as planned.

### 3. Privacy framework

We handle personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs), and we are preparing for the reforms introduced by the Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024. In practice this means:

- we collect only the information required to operate a feature that actually exists;
- we tell you what we collect and why, in plain language, on the Privacy page;
- we do not sell personal information, and we do not build advertising profiles;
- we do not use customer content submitted to Sovereign Suite to train third-party models;
- you can ask what we hold, request correction, or request deletion, subject to lawful retention;
- where consent is required, we ask for it clearly and let you withdraw it.

### 4. Security framework

Security is treated as a design property, not an afterthought. We apply least privilege, defence in depth, and minimal data collection. Traffic to the site is served over TLS; sensitive data at rest is protected using industry-standard encryption; cryptographic operations backing the verification engine use widely reviewed primitives such as SHA-256 and Ed25519.

We deliberately keep specific provider identities, architecture diagrams, and control configurations out of public documentation. Prospective enterprise customers can request a security overview under NDA. Responsible disclosure is welcomed and described on the Security page.

### 5. Responsible AI framework

Automation and AI, where used, exist to help people make faster, more accurate decisions — never to make consequential decisions on someone's behalf without oversight. Where a response or classification is produced or assisted by an automated system we say so; we do not disguise machine outputs as human ones; and we do not run silent scoring, ranking or eligibility systems that affect users without disclosure.

The current public release of the site does not perform automated decision-making about visitors. As AI-assisted features move into production, the Responsible AI page will describe exactly what they do and where a human is in the loop.

## 6. Verification and ledger philosophy

Sovereign Suite's verification engine is built on the principle that trust should not depend on continued access to us. Evidence is preserved in an immutable raw layer; the ledger records integrity and provenance metadata; receipts are portable and independently verifiable using standard primitives.

## 7. Governance and change control

This Framework is versioned. When the platform changes in a way that affects a statement in this document, we update the Framework and the derivative documents together, in the same release, and note the change in the last-updated date. Substantive changes are re-published, not silently edited.

The Framework is reviewed at least annually and whenever a material change is made to the product, our infrastructure, or the relevant Australian legal environment.

## 8. Australian legal environment

The Framework operates within the Australian legal environment, including without limitation: the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the APPs, the Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024, the Australian Consumer Law (Schedule 2 to the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)), the Spam Act 2003 (Cth), and applicable Western Australian law. Nothing on this site constitutes legal advice.

## 9. Inheritance map

The following documents inherit from this Framework and must remain consistent with it:

- Privacy — website privacy statement (Framework §3).
- Terms of Use — website terms (Framework §2, §8).
- Security — security-by-design and responsible disclosure (Framework §4).
- Responsible AI — automation and AI governance (Framework §5).
- Cookies & Data — browser data and analytics (Framework §3).
- Compliance — principles mapped to controls (Framework §§1–7).
- Contact & Legal — legal entity and correspondence.
- Product legal pack (/legal) — product terms for when the workspace and verification engine are generally available.