

Independent judgement on technology, cyber and AI risk.

We provide extensive technology, cyber and AI due diligence to investors; board governance advisory and training that helps directors meet their duties on cyber and AI risk; and operator-level services that guide and govern technology, cyber and AI programmes of work — for organisations that need assurance they are operating safely, securely, and within their compliance and governance obligations.

Five services. One practitioner.

TRANSACTIONS

M&A Due Diligence

Findings translated into valuation and deal-structure impact.

GOVERNANCE

Board Advisory

Retained mandates and quarterly reporting to boards and risk committees.

CAPABILITY

Director Training

Board-table fluency, cyber and AI risk depth, and crisis simulations in the decision seat.

DIRECTION

Cyber & AI Advice

Senior-level strategy advisory for boards and investment committees.

POST-COMPLETION

Tech Transformation

Operator-level governance of technology and cyber programmes of work.

Why hire us.

Cyber, technology and AI risk is now a director's duty. Since the Federal Court's 2022 decision in ASIC v RI Advice Group, that risk sits squarely inside a director's duty of care under section 180 of the Corporations Act, assessed against the AICD and Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre's Cyber Security Governance Principles. Most cyber advice that reaches a board or an investment committee arrives either from a technical vendor running a programme built for an IT audience, or filtered upward through the same management it is meant to be overseeing. Neither is independent, and neither is built for the room it lands in.

Cyber Partners is the practitioner who can sit at the table as a peer: someone who understands the technology and the threat, has actually held governance accountability as a director, and can translate both into a position that can be acted on and defended — to an investment committee, to a board, or to a regulator.

30+

Years senior executive & NED experience

1,000+

Board directors trained

Five

Markets · AU · NZ · UK · EU · US

Engagement models

SINGLE DEAL

Independent diligence scoped to a specific transaction. One practitioner, one report.

RETAINED ADVISOR

Ongoing appointment to the board or risk committee, with quarterly briefings.

PROGRAMMED TRAINING

A single director briefing or a structured programme delivered across the year.

POINT IN TIME

A one-off maturity review, delivered as a board-ready report.



Tony Barnes · FOUNDER & LEAD PRACTITIONER

LLM (Enterprise Governance) · MBA · MBLaw · MIS (Cyber) · FGIA · CISSP

Founder and lead practitioner of Cyber Partners, leading every engagement personally — no delegation to junior practitioners, no handoff. More than three decades of senior executive and non-executive roles across technology, critical infrastructure and cybersecurity, including chief executive of a public technology company ranked sixth in the Deloitte UK Fast50. Non-executive director of national critical infrastructure companies, technology platforms and large not for profit businesses.

Arrange a confidential conversation.

Due diligence, board advisory, director training, or a programme that needs independent assurance.

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