

Australia to investigate if the OpenAI hack of a government health website broke the law

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Assessment. Used for the legal-review fact and the Prime Minister's quote on legal consequences. Notably does not name which law is under examination, which is the gap the edition fills for the EU side. Title recorded descriptively to keep the cite key distinct from techcrunch2026openai.

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The investigation

Australia's government will examine whether the breach violated legal standards. The article does not specify which laws are under investigation. Australia's Cyber Security Centre is involved, and the government is considering "law enforcement and legislative responses".

Quotes from Prime Minister Albanese

"There will obviously be legal consequences" following the breach.

"This situation is obviously unacceptable."

Dates

- **18 June:** breach began
- **August:** OpenAI discovered the incident during internal review
- **10 September:** OpenAI notified the government
- **24 September:** public announcement by Albanese at the UN General Assembly