

Is csiro.au legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

csiro.au

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

csiro.au appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

{ "trust_quality": { "score": 0. Eight, "overall_assessment": "High-confidence institutional site (national research organisation). Content, structure and contact details align with an official government research agency; low trust concerns." }, "dom_content": { "has_dom_text": true, "text_length_chars": 7751 }, "social_presence": { "social_domains": [] }, "link_graph": { "internal_links": [], "external_links": [] }, "seo_profile": { "json_id_detected": false, "og": {} }, "meta_description": "", "title": "Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australian Government - CSIRO", "canoni...

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	Not available No registration record was returned	NOTED
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

The website presents itself as the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), an Australian Government research institution covering scientific research, innovation, industry collaboration, inventions, events, careers, education, and public enquiries.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictory threat, phishing, impersonation, or conflicting-identity signals were observed. The institutional content, absence of a login or sensitive payment workflow, clean external reputation results, and established public-sector presentation converge on an apparently legitimate, low-risk website. One behavioral interpretation marked network activity as suspicious, but the accompanying telemetry recorded no external requests, hidden forms, wallet actions, or cloaking; the isolated interpretation is therefore not corroborated as an impersonation or abuse pattern.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage title identifies “Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australian Government - CSIRO,” and the page is classified as institutional/government content.
- The homepage contains no login form, hidden form, or sensitive form; its two forms are a contact enquiry and newsletter subscription.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, no search-warning flag, and a traffic rank of 7015.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site’s stated institutional identity is consistent with the supplied registration and transport-security records, including the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation as the recorded organisation. This supports apparent legitimacy but does not independently prove the real-world operator identity. The supplied pages describe public research, partnerships, commercialisation, careers, education, and enquiries rather than a regulated financial service, so they do not establish a financial licensing requirement or license status. Any commercial or partnership engagement should therefore distinguish the website’s institutional presentation from formal counterparty verification.

EVIDENCE

- Registration records identify the registrar as Domain Directors Pty Ltd trading as Instra and the registrant as Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.
- The site is served from AS6262, identified as CSIRO - Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research, AU.
- The TLS certificate is issued by DigiCert Global G2 TLS RSA SHA256 2020 CA1, uses OV validation, identifies CSIRO as the subject organisation, and is valid until 2026-10-15 23:59:59 UTC.
- The available assessment records the operator identity as independently unverified and the on-page disclosure state as unclear.

What to Verify Next

Before a credential or payment interaction, independently confirm that the intended engagement is with the relevant CSIRO business or contracting function through a separately sourced official channel. For any proposed commercial transaction, confirm the counterparty's legal name, applicable terms, refund or return conditions, and payment-protection arrangements before committing funds.

EVIDENCE

- The outstanding control is independent confirmation of the real-world counterparty rather than resolution of a detected fraud contradiction.
- The site's apparent purpose is institutional research and public engagement, so verification should be matched to the specific procurement, partnership, licensing, or service arrangement being proposed.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, with the available evidence consistent with an established, apparently legitimate institutional website. The conclusion is strong at the website-risk level, while the real-world operator identity remains independently unverified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is hosted directly within CSIRO's Australian infrastructure rather than behind a detected CDN or WAF edge. This provides a coherent hosting posture and reduces reliance on third-party delivery infrastructure, although infrastructure alignment is a mitigating signal rather than proof of identity.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary browsing is proportionate; before submitting credentials or making payments, the prospective user should complete the independent counterparty and transaction-protection checks appropriate to the intended engagement.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of csiro.au.

- The request stayed on csiro.au. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Domain Directors Pty Ltd trading as Instra. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by csiro.au, across 6 name servers. NOTED
- It is hosted on CSIRO, from a server in AU. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Domain Directors Pty Ltd trading as Instra
Hosting	CSIRO - Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial, AU
Country	AU
Server IP	2405:b000:b00:285::69:37
Name servers	ns1.csiro.au, ns2.csiro.au, ns3.csiro.au, ns2.aarnet.net.au, ns1.aarnet.net.au, ns3.aarnet.net.au
SSL issuer	DigiCert Global G2 TLS RSA SHA256 2020 CA1
SSL expiry	2026-10-15
Domain age	Not available (no registration date was returned)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about csiro.au at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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