

## **CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY FORUM (CDAF)**

### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **Aim**

The aim of the CDAF is to provide a conduit for industry to put forward its views early in the capability development process, and to enable Defence to test the strength of capability proposals.

#### **Objectives**

- Make Australian industry an integral part of the capability development process ensuring that industry aspects are considered early, appropriately and consistently.
- Engage with the four domain-specific subcommittees, the Environmental Working Groups (EWGs).
- Provide a forum for Industry to raise issues to Chief Capability Development Group and CEO Defence Materiel Organisation.

#### **Business Rules**

- Chief of Capability Development (CCDG) and Chief Executive Officer of the Defence Materiel Organisation (CEO DMO) will be the CDAF co-chairs, replacing the Head Capability Systems. Similarly, industry representation will now be at the CEO level rather than at lower management levels.
- CDAF will meet annually at a time coordinated with the Defence and Industry Conference. This is expected to be around mid-June each year and is at a time that is most suitable for seeking industry advice during Departmental deliberations on potential proposed revisions to the Defence Capability Plan (DCP).
- CDAF membership will consist of 12 members. The two permanent defence members (CCDG and CEO DMO) and 10 rotating industry members, consisting of four large contractors, four from small to medium enterprises (SME) and two industry association representatives. This structure avoids CDAF becoming excessively large and cumbersome while providing productive interaction.
- CDAF is an opportunity for industry to present whole-of-industry perspectives. Invited industry members are anticipated to consult widely across industry before the meetings to develop a broad view.
- CDAF, in being for the whole-of-industry, will publish on the Internet all minutes, speeches, and papers to allow non-attending companies to remain informed, involved and able to make contributions.