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Minister for Defence

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**GOVERNMENT TO ACQUIRE SATELLITE WITH
REMOTE SENSING CAPABILITY**

The Government has decided to plan for the acquisition of a remote sensing satellite capability, most likely to be based on high-resolution, cloud-penetrating, synthetic aperture radar.

“The Government will, in the longer term, make unprecedented investment in Australia’s regional imagery collection capabilities by acquiring a satellite with a remote sensing capability most likely based on a high-resolution, cloud penetrating, synthetic aperture radar,” the Minister for Defence, the Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon said.

“Possession of an indigenous satellite of this type will add to Australia’s status as a contributing partner within the alliance framework,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

The 2009 Defence White Paper represents the most comprehensive statement on Defence ever produced. It affirms the Government’s commitment to the defence of Australia, the protection of our sovereign interests and the security and stability of our region.

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