



MICHAEL AYLWARD

Mr Michael Aylward was appointed as the Head of Electronic Systems Division, in the Defence Materiel Organisation on 30 November 2009.

He is responsible for the acquisition and support of the Australian Defence Force's electronic systems in the areas of electronic warfare, communications and command support, satellites and tactical interoperability and, surveillance and control systems.

Mick served 20 years in the Royal Australian Navy where he was responsible for sensors, weapons, command and control, as well as communications, power generation and distribution.

During his Naval career he accumulated over five years of United States-based industrial experience.

Mick served in Guided Missile Destroyers and Frigates (FFG) - both at sea and during construction/modernization, and in support activities such as software development facilities and Naval Dockyards.

A subsequent 20 year industry career included 10 years with Tenix and its related companies and six years with Lockheed Martin. This phase involved key roles in the ANZAC Ship Project, the Jindalee Operational Radar Network, FFG Upgrade and start up activities for the Air Warfare Destroyer project.

Mick is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the American Society of Naval Engineers and the United States Naval Institute.

He holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Electrical Engineering - communications electronics and a Master of Engineering Science.

Mick completed the General Manager Program at Harvard University.

He lives in Toronto, NSW with his wife, Pam. They have three mature-aged children.

His interests include; rugby, sailing his gaff-rigged Cousta boat and playing tennis.