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# Industry Engagement **UPDATE**

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- ▶ 15th Australian Flight Test Symposium 2025

## Safeguarding Australia's Military Secrets

### Planning to work for a foreign military or government?

Are you or your company delivering services that benefit a foreign military or government? You or your company employees should check if a foreign work authorisation is required.

**FIND OUT MORE**



**Know your obligations.  
Avoid serious consequences.**

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## Defence Business Readiness Tool

### Supporting over 2,000 businesses on their Defence journey



The Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) is proud to announce that **more than 2,000 businesses are now registered on the Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT)**. This milestone reflects the strong and growing community of Australian businesses that have sought or are actively seeking ODIS assistance to strengthen their defence capability.

The DBRT is designed to support small and medium enterprises (SMEs) by helping them:

- **UNDERSTAND** where their business is on the journey to becoming a supplier to Defence.
- **IDENTIFY** any capability gaps that may need attention.
- **CONNECT** with ODIS to access tailored support and guidance.

Reaching this milestone is a clear indication of industry's commitment to building their resilience and sovereign capability.

ODIS looks forward to supporting even more businesses as they prepare to engage with Defence.

### Ready to test your preparedness?

**START YOUR ASSESSMENT**



### Did you know?

Over 2,000 businesses are **strengthening Australia's sovereign capability** with ODIS support.

## Defence Industry Security Program

### 2025 DISP Industry Forum

The Defence Industry Security Program (DISP) has successfully hosted its second industry forum, drawing more than 700 security professionals from across Government and industry in Sydney on 24–25 July.

The 2025 DISP Industry Forum brought together representatives from hundreds of Defence supply chain companies for two days of insightful security briefings, interactive workshops, networking opportunities, and presentations delivered by leaders from Government and industry.

Centred on the theme, **‘Defence Secured: Industry Excellence’**, the forum explored the specific security threats facing the defence sector, particularly SMEs, including foreign interference, insider threats, and protests.

Membership in DISP is open to any Australian entity seeking to engage with the Defence supply chain. Members enjoy access to events, as well as broader benefits that support their security resilience and industry readiness.

**Is your business secure?**

**APPLY NOW**



### Defence and Industry Study Course Module 2 in Reflection



Module 2 of the Defence and Industry Study Course (DISC) delivered another intensive week of company site visits and briefings, featuring the Hunter Class Frigate Program, NSSG and ASC, and representatives from the Western Australian and South Australian Governments.

Participants gained valuable insights into the critical role played by both states in the [National Defence Strategy](#), including observing the rapid progress of works at **HMAS Stirling**, and exposure to cutting-edge developments in **radar systems and future space technologies** in Adelaide.

Key site visits featured a tour of **HMAS Arafura**, an offshore patrol vessel commissioned in June 2025, and **HMAS Hobart**, currently undergoing upgrades. Participants also explored the **Submarine Escape Training Centre** at HMAS Stirling and toured **Osborne Naval Shipyard Precinct**, where they experienced the scale of infrastructure supporting current and future shipbuilding.

Looking ahead, Module 3 will take place in Queensland in October with a focus on **Air Force**. Participants will have the chance to engage with Queensland’s rapidly expanding defence sector and learn how it is supporting the National Defence Strategy and broader Government priorities.

## Australian Signals Directorate

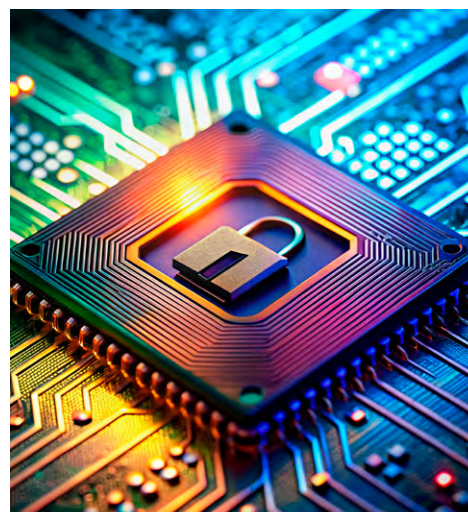
### Protect your cryptographic keys and secrets from malicious cyber actors

The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) has collaborated with the Department of Industry Science and Resources (DISR) and international partners to release **‘Managing cryptographic keys and secrets’**.

The publication is written for organisational security personnel, including architects, IT security, crypto custodians and managers, and applies to Cloud Service Providers and enterprise organisations with on-premises or hybrid environments.

Knowing the current and emerging threat environment enables you to implement relevant security mitigations to prevent, minimise and detect compromise. This will reduce the overall impact to your organisation.

**FIND OUT MORE**







## Expressions of interest ASCA Pitch Day 2025

The Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator (ASCA) is calling for innovative asymmetric solutions as part of the ASCA Pitch Day 2025. This is an exciting opportunity for businesses to directly showcase their ideas to Defence and gain new insights into industry capabilities and innovations.

**Monday 3 November** **Sydney (Venue to be confirmed)**

The Request for Information (RFI) is seeking sovereign solutions to the following challenge statements, grouped into two themes:

- **Power and Energy** seeks innovative solutions on energy sources for deployable and fixed sites, and agile operation capabilities.
- **Acoustic Data Collection and Processing** seeks innovative solutions on sensors, edge processing and high-performance computing for data processing.

The RFI is now open on AusTender. The deadline for submissions is Monday 15 September at 2 pm AEST. Additional information can be reviewed in the [Virtual Marketing Brief](#) .

**VISIT AUSTENDER**



## Royal Australian Air Force 15th Australian Flight Test Symposium 2025

**26–27 November** **8 am to 4 pm AEDT**

**University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus**

Test and Evaluation (T&E) professionals across Defence and industry will have the opportunity to share lessons learned, promote safe and efficient test practices and promote T&E to the broader science, technology, engineering, and mathematics community.

**Note:** Tickets are free and reservations are limited. Attendees have an option to register to attend one of the 2-day event or attend both days.

**REGISTER NOW**



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## Useful resources



### **AusTender**

Find Australian Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans and contracts awarded.

### **BenchOn**

Access opportunities with government agencies and Primes One platform. Many insights.

### **ICN Gateway**

Join ICN Gateway and gain access to Australia and New Zealand's largest network of suppliers and projects.

## OPPORTUNITY

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**Is your business  
ready to supply to  
Defence?**

Success means **knowing your market**, defining your **unique value**, staying across **trends**, and seeking support.

Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) advisory teams partner with businesses to identify improvement opportunities and provide strategic guidance to strengthen defence readiness.

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