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Industry Engagement **UPDATE**

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Strengthening Indigenous Business Partnerships Showcasing Supplier Diversity

On 21 August 2025, Defence participated in the Government Link Lounge at the Supply Nation Connect Trade Show in Sydney, with representatives from several Defence business areas in attendance.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for Defence to connect with hundreds of prospective Indigenous suppliers and promote Defence's **Indigenous business matching service**. This service helps Indigenous businesses by offering tailored advice on Defence organisational structure, contractual arrangements, and opportunities aligned to their specific service offerings.

Defence is also proud to have been recognised as Government Member of the Year for the fifth time at the Supply Nation conference. This award highlights Defence's exceptional commitment to supplier diversity and acknowledges the significant growth of the Indigenous business sector in Defence's supply chain.

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US tariff changes

Support for Australian businesses



The United States imposed a 10% baseline tariff, which took effect from 3:01 pm Saturday 5 April AEST.

On 1 August, the US announced that the 10% reciprocal tariffs on Australian exports to the US will remain. Furthermore, the US has suspended the de minimis exemption for all low-value imports to the US from 29 August 2025. As a result, all goods valued at \$US800 or less will be subject to country-specific tariff rates.

Austrade, Australia Post and industry experts recently held an industry briefing on the de minimis exemption changes and how they can affect Australian exporters.

WATCH BRIEFING

C2D2 Virtual Briefing

Help develop the ASDEFCON template

As part of the National Defence Strategy, Defence is developing a draft ASDEFCON C2D2 template that enables continuous capability development and delivery (C2D2). The template can be used for both software and hardware projects, and is informed by Agile project management approaches.

Save the date: Defence is interested in engaging with industry to help shape the C2D2 ASDEFCON template during its development. As part of this engagement, Defence is holding a virtual industry information session on 23 October 2025. Joining instructions will be sent out closer to the date.

For enquiries, please contact agile.c2d2@defence.gov.au.



Indo Pacific 2025

Book a 1-on-1 DISP consultation



The Defence Industry Security Program (DISP) will be exhibiting at the Indo Pacific International Maritime Exposition.

 **4-6 November**  **ICC Sydney**

The exhibition offers current and prospective DISP members the **chance to connect directly with the DISP team**. Staff will be available to discuss a range of topics, including the membership process, completing Annual Security Reports, implementing the Essential Eight Cyber strategies, and navigating the Member Portal. Representatives from AGSVA will also be present to provide advice on personnel security matters.

Attendees can **book a one-on-one meeting with a senior DISP staff member** by emailing disp.outreach@defence.gov.au. Spaces are limited.

Industry Support Useful resources



AusTender

Search **AusTender** to find Australian Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans and contracts awarded.

BenchOn

With one free profile, access opportunities with government agencies and Primes through **BenchOn Industry Portals**. One platform. Many insights.

ICN Gateway

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

Defence Business Readiness Tool

Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT) will help businesses assess their level of defence readiness.

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Royal Australian Air Force Australian Flight Test Symposium 2025

 **26-27 November**

 **8 am to 4 pm AEDT**

 **University of Newcastle**

The Royal Australian Air Force is hosting its 15th Australian Flight Test Symposium. Testing 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.

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Team Defence Australia Events Calendar

The premier national platform for export capable Australian defence and dual-use companies to showcase their goods and services at international trade events.

Singapore Airshow 2026

Location: Singapore, Changi

Date: 3-6 February 2026

Domain: Aerospace

EOI: 20 October 2025

Expressions of interest (EOI) are made available through the Australian Defence Export Office Industry Capability Network (ICN) page. Companies must register on ICN in order to submit an EOI.

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