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Defence Delivery Agency (DDA) Rebuilding Defence Capability

Defence has released the Rebuilding Defence Capability report, outlining its implementation plan for reforming Australia's capability development and delivery system.

The report sets out the pathway to establish the Defence Delivery Agency, which will bring together Defence's major acquisition and sustainment functions under a single organisation. It also details broader reforms to capability development, governance and accountability aimed at delivering capability to the Australian Defence Force faster and more effectively while strengthening engagement with industry.

The reforms will culminate in the establishment of the Defence Delivery Agency as an independent agency on Thursday 1 July 2027.

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2026 Defence Industry Development Strategy released

Strengthening Australia's sovereign defence industrial base

The Australian Government has released the **2026 Defence Industry Development Strategy (DIDS26)** [\[link\]](#), outlining how Defence will continue to strengthen Australia's sovereign defence industrial base in support of our national security requirements.

Building on the 2026 National Defence Strategy, the DIDS26 sets out the Government's priorities for **developing a resilient, innovative and globally competitive defence industry**.

The 2026 Defence Industry Development Strategy is centred on seven key Sovereign Defence Industrial Priorities (SDIPs)

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| SDIP 1 Maintenance, repair, overhaul and upgrade of ADF aircraft | SDIP 5 Development and integration of autonomous systems |
| SDIP 2 Continuous Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment | SDIP 6 Integration and enhancement of battlespace awareness and management systems |
| SDIP 3 Sustainment and enhancement of the combined-arms land system | SDIP 7 Test and Evaluation, Certification and Systems Assurance |
| SDIP 4 Domestic Manufacture of Guided Weapons, Explosive Ordnance and Munitions businesses | |

As Defence's priorities evolve, industry is encouraged to consider what the DIDS26 and SDIPs mean for their business, capability development and future engagement with Defence.

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Maritime Industry Event Defence Seaworthiness Conference 2026

The Australian Naval Flag Administrator (ANFA), Rear Admiral Rachel Durbin AM CSC RAN, invites Defence members, Defence industry partners, international counterparts and other participants across the Defence maritime enterprise to attend the Defence Seaworthiness Conference on 3 September 2026.

 **3 September 2026**
 **Canberra and Virtual**
 **Maritime**

In a period of rapid change, Defence is evolving its maritime regulatory system to keep pace with the introduction of new capabilities and to ensure it remains efficient, effective and credible in delivering seaworthiness outcomes for an integrated, focused force.

Centered on the theme **Focused seaworthiness for a focused force: transitioning to the Defence Seaworthiness Program**, the conference will provide updates on the introduction of the Defence Seaworthiness Program and offer a forum to explore the strategic, regulatory and operational shifts shaping Defence's maritime domain.

Attendance is free, in-person in Canberra or streamed online for virtual attendance.

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Defence Grants

Governments boosts support for Australian defence industry

The Australian Government has announced a major expansion of support for Australian defence industry, with the **Defence Industry Development Grants (DIDG) Program**  to receive an additional \$80 million through to 2030, bringing total investment in the program to around \$250 million.

The announcement coincides with the latest round of DIDG with more than \$22 million awarded to 60 Australian businesses to invest in advanced manufacturing, expand production and delivery critical components for priority Defence projects.

The latest grants bring total direct investment through the program to more than \$73 million since it commenced in June 2024. Together, with the release of the DIDS26, the investment is designed to strengthen Australia's sovereign defence industrial base, support skilled jobs and help industry grow the capabilities needed to meet Defence priorities.

Applications are currently open across the program's four streams: Sovereign Industrial Priorities, Skilling, Exports and Security.

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Australian Signals Directorate:

Quantum technology primer: Sensing

The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) has released the latest publication in its quantum technology primer series, focused on quantum sensing.

Quantum sensing uses quantum phenomena to enable **highly precise measurements of the physical world**, with potential applications in areas such as navigation, resource exploration and critical infrastructure.

While these capabilities may offer operational benefits, they also introduce cyber security considerations. These include risks relating to sensor integrity and interference, data authenticity and spoofing, supply chain assurance and software and firmware vulnerabilities.

This guidance supports government, critical infrastructure and industry stakeholders to better understand the opportunities and risks associated with quantum sensing. It outlines key considerations to help organisations assess emerging technologies and their cyber security implications.

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Australian Signals Directorate

New video series supports cyber security training for privileged users

The **Australian Signals Directorate (ASD)** has developed a **Privileged User Training (PUT) video series** that offers a practical, engaging way for privileged information and communication technology (ICT) users to strengthen cyber security skills.

Designed to meet the Australian Government Information Security Manual (ISM) annual training requirement, the short modules deliver clear, **real-world guidance to help users protect systems and sensitive information** in an evolving threat landscape.

The series covers key topics including attacker behaviour, defence-in-depth strategies, risk management, and incident response. It also addresses emerging challenges such as **social engineering, artificial intelligence (AI) risks, and future technologies**. Each module focuses on practical actions users can apply in their daily work to reduce vulnerabilities and build stronger organisational resilience.

Ideal for system administrators and ICT professionals, PUT supports better decision-making and proactive security practices. Visit the Privileged User Training web page to explore the full video series, learn more, and download the modules for your organisation.

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Team Defence Australia Calendar of Events

Team Defence Australia is the premier national platform for export capable Australian defence and dual-use companies to showcase their goods and services at international trade events.

Farnborough Airshow

20-24 July 2026

Farnborough, UK

Aerospace

Poland International Defence Industry Exhibition (MSPO)

8-11 Sept 2026

Kielce, Poland

Aerospace Land

AUSA

12-14 October 2026

Washington, USA

Land

Expressions of interest are through **Australian Defence Export Office Industry Capability Network**

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