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Defence Delivery Group

Delivering critical Defence capability

Defence Delivery Group (DDG) brings together the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group (**CASG**), Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance (**GWEO**) Group, and Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Group (**NSSG**) under the leadership of the National Armaments Director.

DDG delivers and sustains critical Defence capabilities, strengthens sovereign industrial capacity, working with industry partners to support Australia's national security. Want to learn more about opportunities for industry engagement?

Visit DDG at the Defence Stand, located at 5L02.



Land Forces 2026

Australia's largest land defence industry exhibition



6-8 October 2026 **Perth, Western Australia**

Australia's largest land defence industry exhibition returns from 6-8 October 2026, bringing together Defence, government, Australian and international industry, global primes, SMEs and technology leaders.

For businesses, Land Forces 2026 is an opportunity to showcase capabilities, connect with Defence and supply chain partners, explore emerging opportunities and see the latest technologies shaping the future of land capability.

Explore what Defence has planned for Land Forces 2026, including the teams you can meet, sessions to attend and opportunities for industry to get involved.

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Featured Event

Chief of Army Symposium 2026: Hardwired for adaptation



Join us in person or virtually for Chief of Army Symposium (CAS) 2026, held in conjunction with Land Forces 2026 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC).

CAS 2026 is the Australian Army's premier event and the first symposium convened by the **42nd Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Susan Coyle AM, CSC, DSM**. The theme for CAS 2026 is Hardwired for Adaptation. Presenters will examine the **changing character of war**, and how the Army must be comprehensively hardwired for **continual adaptation**, as a profession, as a fighting force and as a national institution.

- 📍 **Level 2 Riverside Theatre, PCEC or attend virtually**
- 📅 **Wednesday 7 October** ⌚ **1200-2000 AEDT (0900-1700 AWST)**
- 📅 **Thursday 8 October** ⌚ **1130-1530 AEDT (0830-1230 AWST)**

How to Attend

Attend In Person

CAS 2026 is open to all registered Land Forces attendees. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis and access will close once the venue capacity is reached. In-person registrations close at 1900 AEDT on Thursday 1 October.

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Attend Online

Watch the CAS 2026 livestream. No registration or login required.

CAS LIVESTREAM

For more information, including the program, speakers and session timings, visit <https://australianarmy-cas-2026.eventsairsite.com>



Department of Defence Office of Defence Industry Support

The Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) is **the trusted link for Australian small and medium enterprises (SMEs)** looking to enter or expand their footprint in Defence industry.

ODIS oversees initiatives that strengthen Australia's defence industry capability and engagement and at its core has two principle functions:

- ▶ defence **supply chain** development, and
- ▶ defence **industry intelligence**.

📍 Visit ODIS at the Defence Stand, located at 5L02.



Department of Defence Sovereign Defence Industrial Priorities Development Forum

- 📅 **Wednesday 7 October**
- ⌚ **1330-1530 AWST**
- 📍 **Meeting Room 3, L2, PCEC**

This inaugural forum will discuss the Sovereign Defence Industrial Priorities (SDIPs), with a focus on SDIPs 3, 4 and 5; outlining their strategic intent, implementation pathways and opportunities for industry engagement. Bringing together Defence and industry leaders, the session will explore how these priorities will strengthen capability outcomes, enhance resilience, and support the long-term development of Australia's sovereign defence industrial base.

Australian Army

Army Innovation Day 2026 Exhibition

 Northern Foyer, Level 2

Army Innovation Day 2026 (AID26) showcases technologies and ideas shaping the future of the Australian Army, with a focus on **Autonomous Mass in Littoral Warfare**.

Featuring selected Defence industry participants responding to a future-focused challenge, the exhibition highlights innovative capabilities and demonstrates how collaboration between Army, industry and academia is **accelerating land force innovation**.

Australian Army

Visit the Australian Army Stand

 4N02, Exhibition Halls

Engage with Army personnel, explore advanced land capabilities, and learn about key Land Capability Division programs and priorities.

Discover how innovation, technology and partnerships are shaping Army's future.

Department of Defence

Australian Industry Capability

 Defence Stand at 5L02

The Australian Industry Capability (AIC) team is looking forward to **connecting with industry** at Land Forces.

Whether you're a major Prime, established supplier, or an SME seeking to grow your Defence business, the AIC team will be available to discuss how the AIC Program can support your organisation.

Learn more about AIC requirements, training opportunities, and the AIC Audit Program. We'll be on hand to answer questions, share insights, and help you navigate opportunities to **contribute to Defence capability** while strengthening Australia's sovereign industrial base.



Meet the Primes

A Gateway to Global Defence Supply Chains

For Australian small and medium enterprises, Land Forces 2026 offers an exceptional opportunity to engage directly with some of the world's largest defence companies and explore pathways into international supply chains through two of Defence's Global Supply Chain Program's Pitch to the Primes sessions.

These sessions will commence with an address from the Global Supply Chain Program team who will provide an overview of the program, explaining how participating Prime contractors support Australian industry to access global supply chain opportunities.

Each Prime contractor will host a dedicated engagement table, providing Australian businesses with the opportunity to discuss their capabilities, and identify potential opportunities for future collaboration. These sessions are designed to provide industry with direct access to Prime contractor teams and support meaningful business connections.

Land Forces attendees can meet directly with representatives from the GSC Program Primes spread across the two sessions:

Session 1:

 Tuesday 6 October

 1000-1200 AWST

Babcock, Boeing, Kongsberg, Lockheed Martin, Moog, Northrop Grumman, and Thales.

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Session 2:

 Wednesday 7 October

 1000-1200 AWST.

BAE Systems, HII Australia, L3 Harris, Raytheon Australia, Rheinmetall, and Saab.

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Take advantage of this unique engagement opportunity. If your business has a capability that can support Defence outcomes, now is the time to prepare with a concise capability pitch and consider how your products, services and technologies align by **researching Prime requirements** .

Selected companies may also be offered the opportunity to participate in a One-on-One Meet and Greet with a Prime contractor, providing a forum for more detailed conversations on capability alignment and supply chain opportunities.

For further information on the Defence Global Supply Chain Program, visit defence.gov.au/GSCProgram  or email aic.gsc@defence.gov.au.

ASCA

Advanced Strategic
Capabilities Accelerator



Engagement Opportunities

Driving Innovation at Land Forces



The Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator (ASCA) is calling on industry and academia to take part in two exciting engagement opportunities being held during Land Forces 2026.

ASCA Pitch Day 2026 - Decoy, Deception, Camouflage and Concealment (DDCC)

ASCA has invited 15 Pitch Presenters to showcase their promising DDCC solutions directly to senior Defence representatives and members of the broader defence innovation ecosystem.

 **Monday 5 October**  **0900-1200 AWST**  **Perth CBD & Online**

The Pitch Day is open for in-person attendance and will also be livestreamed, providing attendees with the opportunity to observe innovative technologies and capabilities that may enhance Defence's DDCC capabilities, while fostering engagement across Defence, industry and research organisations. Virtual registrations close at 5 pm AEDT on Sunday 4 October 2026.

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Fireside Chat: Fast Tracking Capability Delivery

ASCA will host a fireside chat featuring MAJGEN Hugh Meggitt AM CSC, Head ASCA, and Defence seniors to explore how ASCA is accelerating capability delivery in the land domain and highlighting opportunities for industry engagement.

 **Tuesday 6 October**  **1530-1630 AWST**

 **Meeting Room 8 Level 2**

This session will provide valuable insights into Defence's land capability priorities and how innovative solutions can contribute to meeting future operational needs. The session is open to all registered delegates through the Land Forces website. Be sure to register your interest now.

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Defence ERP

Driving Digital Transformation Together

The Defence Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Program will be attending Land Forces 2026 to engage with industry stakeholders and highlight Defence's ERP transformation.

The Defence ERP Program is a Defence-wide priority and a key part of the Defence transformation agenda. ERP is modernising and standardising business processes across key Defence functions, including supply chain management, transport management, land maintenance and engineering, procurement, finance and military planning.

Representatives from the ERP Program will be available throughout the event to discuss progress achieved to date, upcoming capability releases, and the role ERP plays in supporting Defence's strategic objectives.

The team will also deliver a dedicated presentation as part of the Land Forces conference program on Thursday 8 October 2026 at 10 am.

Industry partners are encouraged to visit the Defence ERP team at the Department of Defence stand to learn more about the program, upcoming capability releases and future opportunities for engagement.

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Industry Support

Is your business Defence ready?

The Defence Business Readiness Tool (DBRT) is designed to support SMEs test their 'Defence preparedness' and capabilities prior to commencing their journey into the Defence supply chain.

TEST YOUR READINESS



Industry Support

Defence Export Controls

Export controls are an important consideration when working with defence and dual-use goods, technology and services. Defence Export Controls (DEC) offers **free outreach sessions** and **guidance materials** to support industry.

Resources include:

- Online eLearning modules
- Virtual and face-to-face information sessions
- Fact sheets and guidance materials
- Recordings and presentations from previous events
- Monthly DEC Bulletin.

Whether you're new to export controls or looking to strengthen compliance arrangements, visit our website to access resources and register for upcoming events.

For export controls enquiries email exportcontrols@defence.gov.au

FIND OUT MORE



Industry Support

Resources and opportunities

AusTender

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

The Industry Platform

Access insights and opportunities with government agencies and Primes.

ICN Gateway

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



Industry Security Support

Defence Industry Security Program & Australian Government Security Vetting Agency

The Defence Industry Security Program (DISP) and Australian Government Security Vetting Agency (AGSVA) will be exhibiting at Land Forces.

Visit the joint DISP and AGSVA stand to connect directly with our teams and learn more about the security support available to industry. Applicants and current DISP members can ask questions about the membership process, reporting requirements, cyber security obligations and recent improvements to the DISP Member Portal.

AGSVA representatives will also be on hand to provide information about personnel security, security clearances and vetting processes.

Useful links:

- [Defence Industry Security Program !\[\]\(723a37e46f3c754ef97346200f7c029c_img.jpg\)](#)
- [Australian Government Security Vetting Agency !\[\]\(cd16e0008f95d0cb633461cbf3785f1a_img.jpg\)](#)

DISP Overview Session

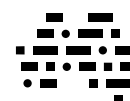
 **Tuesday 6 October**  **1400-1430 AWST**

The DISP team will be running a program overview. Attend this session if you're interested in:

- What the Defence Industry Security Program is.
- Who should become a DISP Member.
- Key benefits of membership.
- Updates and important information.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Defence Industry
Security Program

