



Australian Government



Australian  
Space Agency

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

## **Between**

### **Australian Space Agency**

### **and**

### **United Kingdom Space Agency**

## **Regarding Civil Space Cooperation for Peaceful Purposes**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE UNITED KINGDOM SPACE AGENCY**  
**AND**  
**THE AUSTRALIAN SPACE AGENCY**  
**REGARDING CIVIL SPACE COOPERATION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES**

The United Kingdom Space Agency, an Executive Agency of the Government of the United Kingdom within the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, having its headquarters at Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN2 1SZ, United Kingdom, represented by its Chief Executive Officer;

and

The Australian Space Agency, an Agency of the Commonwealth of Australia within the Department of Industry, Innovation of Industry House, Binara St., Canberra City, Canberra, created in July 2018, represented by the Head of the Australian Space Agency;

hereinafter referred to individually as 'Participant' or collectively as 'Participants',

**HAVING** regard to the wishes of the Participants to cooperate on civil space activities for their mutual benefit;

**CONSIDERING** the deep history and friendship between the United Kingdom and Australia;

**CONSIDERING** the common interest of the United Kingdom and Australia in the use of space technology for peaceful purposes;

**RECOGNISING** the growing relationship between UK and Australian organisations, such as the Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL) on the NovaSAR project, to develop technologies and operations capability to provide research access and commercial opportunity to space data;

**RECOGNISING** the growing collaboration between Australia and the UK on advanced research and development projects, such as the Airbus Zephyr™ High Altitude Pseudo Satellites project;

**RECOGNISING** the advantages and benefits arising from international cooperation in the space field;

**HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:**

## **1 Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ('MoU') is to:

- a) provide a framework for collaborative activities and for reviewing areas of common interest in the civil aspects of space;
- b) facilitate the interchange of information, technology and personnel in areas of mutual interest;
- c) nominate relevant points of contact for both Participants.

## **2 Areas of Cooperation**

2.1 Subject to the laws and regulations applicable to them, the Participants, through consultation, will decide upon the specific items and scope of cooperation within the framework of this MoU. The proposed collaborative activities are as follow:

- a) Participants will facilitate collaboration as appropriate, including the exchange of information and expertise, in the UK and Australian space sectors, including:
  - Space science, technology and applications highlighting:
    - Communications technologies and services
    - Position, Navigation and Timing
    - Earth Observation
    - Space Situational Awareness
    - Remote Asset Management
    - Advanced emerging research and development
  - Exchange of views on space policy, law and regulation;
  - Human capital development in the space field and related areas;
- b) Participants will explore the options and approaches for Australian industry collaboration and engagement on possible joint projects (subject to assessment) related to economic and societal development;
- c) Participants will jointly identify suitable projects of common interest that can be supported and developed in both countries. Other areas of cooperation may be identified by mutual consent of the Participants.

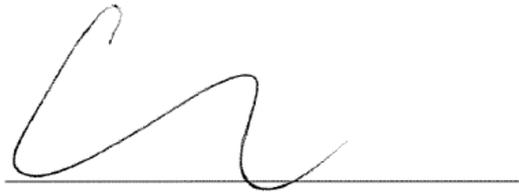


## 7 Duration and termination

- 7.1 This MoU will come into effect on the date of signature by both Participants and will continue in operation until terminated by either Participant giving six months' written notice to the other.

Signed in Bremen, Germany on Tuesday 2 October 2018.

For  
the UK Space Agency:

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Dr. Graham Turnock  
Chief Executive

For  
the Australian Space Agency:

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Dr. Megan Clark AC  
Head