

Terms of Reference for a Review of Space Industry Capability

The Australian Government (Government) has announced a review of Australia's space industry capability which will lead to a national strategy for the sector that reflects both our developing strengths and national interests over the next decade. Ensuring that the right strategic framework is in place to support the growth of Australian's space industry will be core to the review process.

This review builds on the existing *Australia's Satellite Utilisation Policy* (2013) and the findings from the recently completed review of the *Space Activities Act 1998*. Reform of the space legislation is now underway to reflect advances in technologies and provide a regulatory environment that is appropriately conducive to commercial investment in the space sector. It is therefore timely for the Government to review its civil space policy and refine its strategic, long-term plans for this important sector.

The review will be undertaken under the direction of an Expert Reference Group (ERG) chaired by Dr Megan Clark AC.

The Terms of Reference for the review are below.

Review of Australia's Space Industry Capability Terms of Reference

- The Review of Australia's Space Industry Capability will build on the principles set out in the existing *Australia's Satellite Utilisation Policy* (2013) by developing a strategic framework for the Australian space sector that supports leadership, innovation, opportunity and entrepreneurship across the sector along with our broader national interests.
- The Review will specifically address the following matters:
 - identifying Australia's current industry capability and areas of comparative advantage for Australia to develop,
 - technologies and practices that promote innovation in both the downstream (users of space technologies) and upstream (providers of space technologies) elements of space activities, particularly in areas of niche capability and competitive advantage,
 - Australia's level of regional engagement and international collaboration, including identifying critical future and existing partnerships,
 - identifying capability gaps to support the global competitiveness of Australian firms in the civil space sector,
 - strategies to promote Australian firms engaged in the civil space sector, both domestically and internationally,
 - risks and opportunities, including ongoing access to space data and associated infrastructure essential to our national interests,
 - alignment with other sectors and Australian Government priorities, including Defence and cyber security, and meeting Australia's international obligations, and
 - the most effective institutional arrangements to support the strategic direction of Australia's space industry.
- Consultations with key stakeholders and state jurisdictions will be conducted as part of this review with a focus on the matters set out above.
- The review will commence from July 2017 and be completed by end March 2018.