

Response Table

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1	<p>That the NSW Government continue to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> implement <i>New South Wales: Strong, Smart and Connected</i>, the NSW Government Defence and Industry Strategy 2017 as the principal vehicle for supporting Defence and growing defence industries in New South Wales. 	<p>Supported</p> <p>The implementation of the NSW Government Defence and Industry Strategy, <i>New South Wales: Strong, Smart and Connected</i>, has been highly successful over eighteen months in raising both awareness and understanding of the importance of Defence and the defence industry across the State.</p> <p>The NSW Government remains committed to the continued implementation of the Defence and Industry Strategy as the principal vehicle for supporting Defence and growing defence industries in New South Wales, including providing a major boost to regional New South Wales.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> support Defence NSW in its role as the unit responsible for the implementation of <i>New South Wales: Strong, Smart and Connected</i>, The NSW Government Defence and Industry Strategy 2017. 	<p>Supported</p> <p>Defence NSW was established as a dedicated unit in mid-2017. The NSW Government remains committed to the continued support of Defence NSW (a unit within the Department of Industry) as the point of responsibility for implementation of the Defence and Industry Strategy.</p> <p>Through Defence NSW, the NSW Government will work with the Commonwealth and other States and Territories to move towards a collaborative, whole of nation approach to the delivery of Defence capability.</p> <p>Through Defence NSW, the NSW Government will support the Australian Defence Forces and drive investment and innovation by creating the conditions for and enabling sustainable, technologically advanced and globally competitive defence industries across the State.</p>

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		<p>The NSW Government also remains committed to the continued support of a Defence Advocate as an essential enabler of Defence NSW.</p>
2	<p>That the Parliament of New South Wales support the establishment of a Joint Committee on Defence and Space Industries in New South Wales.</p>	<p>Supported in Principle</p> <p>The NSW Government supports, in principle, the views of the Standing Committee on State Development that bipartisan, long-term, informed discussion across the Parliament would assist the state to engage strategically with the Federal defence procurement machinery.</p> <p>NSW Government notes that the establishment of committees is a matter for NSW Parliament.</p>
3	<p>That the NSW Government, including the Premier and relevant Ministers, continue to advocate for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● placement of Defence assets in New South Wales 	<p>Supported</p> <p>New South Wales is currently home to more than a quarter of Australia's Defence personnel and more major Defence bases and training areas than any other state.</p> <p>The NSW Government fully supports the existing Defence presence in New South Wales, including the strategic importance of Garden Island as an operational base for the Royal Australian Navy.</p> <p>Additionally, the NSW Government remains committed to continued proactive advocacy for expansion of that Defence presence through placement of new assets, facilities and units.</p> <p>The NSW Government remains particularly committed to advocacy for expanded Defence presence to utilise the capacity available in regional New South Wales, including through: the creation of a Regional Sustainment Hub for Joint Strike Fighter at Williamtown; and, East Coast Basing of ships and submarines in ports such as Port Kembla and Newcastle.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> involvement of New South Wales based industry in Defence investment projects. 	<p>Supported</p> <p>Leveraging New South Wales' strengths in critical capability areas is a key strategic theme of the NSW Government Defence and Industry Strategy. In NSW, Defence is supported by a complete ecosystem of critical industrial capabilities, a highly skilled workforce and world class academic and research institutions.</p> <p>The NSW Government has strongly supported defence industry in New South Wales throughout the past year; including through direct engagement between the Premier and the Prime Minister, and between relevant Ministers and their Commonwealth counterparts.</p> <p>The NSW Government remains committed to continued proactive advocacy for the involvement of New South Wales based industry in Defence investment in acquisition and sustainment projects as well as operations.</p> <p>The NSW Government will continue to advocate for Defence investment in sovereign/critical defence capabilities in New South Wales, emphasising existing strengths such as: sonar technologies; steel and armour plating; complex systems integration; sustainment of major naval and air assets; and small arms production.</p> <p>The NSW Government will also advocate for and support expanded defence industrial capability in areas such as: explosives, munitions and missiles; cyber security; data analytics; and space.</p>
4	<p>That the NSW Government appropriately resource Defence NSW to ensure that the policy objectives outlined within the New South Wales: Strong, smart and connected, the NSW Government Defence and Industry Strategy 2017 are achieved.</p>	<p>Supported</p> <p>Resourcing will be considered by the Government through the annual budget process.</p>

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5	<p>That the NSW Government, having provided time for its newly established support structures to mature, publicly commit to reconsidering the benefits of establishing a defence ministerial advisory committee.</p>	<p>Supported in principle</p> <p>Throughout the development and early implementation of the Defence and Industry Strategy, the NSW Government has engaged with and sought advice from a range of sources; including through the conduct of the Standing Committee on State Development Inquiry into the defence industry, as well as through roundtables, site visits, engagement by the Parliamentary Friends of Defence and various other fora.</p> <p>The NSW Government supports in principle further considering the benefits of establishing a defence ministerial advisory committee.</p>
6	<p>That the NSW Government continues to invest in providing New South Wales based small and medium-sized enterprises with marketing and networking opportunities, so that they may better engage with primes and take advantage of potential domestic and international market opportunities.</p>	<p>Supported</p> <p>Since establishment, Defence NSW has had a major impact on the expansion of opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises in both domestic and international markets. The NSW Government is committed to continued investment in providing small and medium-sized defence industry enterprises with marketing and networking opportunities.</p> <p>This includes through sponsorship of New South Wales based defence industry exhibitions such as PACIFIC 2017, as well as NSW Government participation and support for SME co-exhibitors at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • industry engagement and supply chain events in support of major defence acquisition projects; • regional defence industry conferences; • major domestic trade exhibitions (such as PACIFIC 2017, Land Forces 2018 and Avalon Air Show 2019); and • major international trade exhibitions (such as Defence Security Exhibition International and Defence Services Asia).

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		<p>This also includes the establishment of a 'NSW Defence Networks Forum' to strengthen the defence industry ecosystem through enhanced collaboration and an improved ability to implement successful programs across respective networks.</p>
7	<p>That Defence NSW work with the Centre for Defence Industry Capability and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that Commonwealth funded defence support opportunities are comprehensively utilised by New South Wales based industry.</p>	<p>Supported</p> <p>Since establishment, Defence NSW has developed a strong functional relationship with the Centre for Defence Industry Capability. This relationship is particularly effective at trade exhibitions and other industry events where New South Wales industry can benefit from the combined advice of both agencies in their relative domains of expertise.</p> <p>The NSW Government remains committed to continued close collaboration with the Centre for Defence Industry Capability and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that Commonwealth funded defence support opportunities, such as Team Defence Australia and the Global Supply Chain initiative, are comprehensively utilised by New South Wales based industry.</p> <p>This includes continued engagement through the annual Commonwealth and States Consultative Forum. It also includes continued engagement with the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth, States and Territories Consultative Group on Naval Shipbuilding • Defence States and Territories Consultative Forum; • Defence Export Forum; • Centre for Defence Industry Capability; • Defence Science and Technology Group; • Defence Export Office; and • the Defence Export Control Office.

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8	<p>That the NSW Government develops a New South Wales Defence Industry Capability Directory.</p>	<p>Supported in principle</p> <p>Commercially produced defence industry capability directories already exist, including the Australian Defence Magazine and the Australian Defence Capability Directory. These are comprehensive and generally well subscribed. Defence industry networks, such as the Australian Industry Defence Network, also generate industry capability directories on behalf of their membership.</p> <p>Through Defence NSW, the NSW Government has provided support to a number of these directories. The NSW Government is also providing support to the Industry Capability Network (ICN) NSW which is heavily utilised by Defence and defence industry.</p> <p>The Department of Industry will undertake additional industry consultation to determine what additional material could be produced to meet the promotional needs of the industry, with a focus on SMEs, for introduction in 2019.</p>
9	<p>That the NSW Government look for opportunities to provide funding for initiatives that seek to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • raise student awareness about career opportunities in Defence and the defence industry 	<p>Supported</p> <p>The Defence Force is promoted at all careers expos for school students. Presentations are also delivered on defence careers to students in individual schools. Students are also supported to access work experience programs in the defence force.</p> <p>Careers in the defence industry are more generally supported in the broader career advice provided to students in schools. The NSW Department of Education would be pleased to offer in-kind support to the defence industry to help promote career opportunities in the industry.</p> <p>Providing Defence and defence industry with their future workforce is a key strategic theme of the NSW Government Defence and Industry Strategy.</p> <p>The NSW Government has been supporting a series of highly successful programs coordinated by Regional Development Australia - Hunter and aimed at raising awareness of</p>

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		<p>defence related career opportunities and increasing the number of students studying STEM subjects.</p> <p>The NSW Government, through Training Services NSW, is providing funding to support the operations of the Hunter based 'STEMship Program' from July 2018 to June 2020, and eventually expand it into the Shoalhaven region.</p> <p>The NSW Government is committed to identifying further opportunities to support initiatives raising awareness about career opportunities in Defence and the defence industry.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase the number of students studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects. 	<p>Supported</p> <p>The NSW Department of Education is currently working on initiatives that support both raising the awareness of a range of career opportunities and increase student numbers studying Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).</p> <p>These initiatives and supporting policy are guided by the Education Council's National STEM Education Strategy 2016 – 2026 which recommends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing student STEM ability, engagement, participation and aspiration; Facilitating effective partnerships with tertiary education providers, business and industry. <p>Further guidance is provided by the report 'Optimising STEM Industry-School Partnerships: Inspiring Australia's Next Generation', produced by the STEM Partnerships Forum chaired by Dr Alan Finkel AO, Chief Scientist of Australia, and comprised 17 leaders from industry and the education sector.</p> <p>The NSW Department of Education has a range of STEM initiatives that partner with industry such as the Schools Industry STEM Partnership pilot program. With the support of Regional Development Australia, schools are connected with key STEM related industries</p>	

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10	<p>That Defence NSW continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure the industry has access to the skills it needs to provide pathways to careers in the defence industry.</p>	<p>in their local area. Programs such as these can be positioned to support career opportunities within Defence and defence industries.</p> <p>Supported</p> <p>Since establishment, Defence NSW has engaged with appropriate stakeholders, including industry stakeholders, Training Services NSW, the NSW Department of Education, and numerous New South Wales universities to enable the future defence industry workforce.</p> <p>This has included engagement with the Commonwealth Department of Defence to influence the implementation of the Defence Industry Skilling Survey and development of the Defence Industry Skilling and STEM Strategy.</p> <p>The NSW Government is committed to continued work with all stakeholders, including the Commonwealth, to ensure a collaborative, national approach to skills development and the delivery of future workforce.</p>
11	<p>That the NSW Government assist new businesses to be established in the Western Sydney Aerospace and Defence Industry Precinct and not facilitate the relocation of regionally-based businesses.</p>	<p>Supported in principle</p> <p>Sustaining and growing existing and new defence industry activity across regional NSW is a key strategic theme of the NSW Government Defence and Industry Strategy.</p> <p>The NSW Government is actively promoting the Western Sydney Aerotropolis as a future aerospace and defence industry precinct. Early focus is on attracting major multinational primes to expand their Australian presence at the Aerotropolis. This precinct positions NSW to continue as Australia's leading state in the delivery of complex defence systems. While the precinct will not necessarily host a uniformed Defence presence, it offers the opportunity for creation of high technology industrial capabilities including complex systems design and integration, logistical support, data analytics and cyber security.</p> <p>At the same time, the NSW Government remains committed to sustaining and growing existing and new defence industry activity across regional New South Wales.</p>

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		<p>The NSW Government intends that development of the aerospace and defence industry precinct at Western Sydney Airport complements rather than competes with pre-existing defence industry precincts elsewhere in New South Wales.</p> <p>The NSW Government released a Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan (LUIIP) for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Growth Area on 22 August 2018. The LUIIP identifies the establishment of a successful Western Sydney Aerospace and defence Industries Precinct as a strategic outcome for development of the 'Aerotropolis Core', the central employment zone for the Aerotropolis.</p> <p>To support delivery of the Aerotropolis, the NSW Government is actively working to secure investment from international firms engaged in the Aerospace and Defence Industry sectors, and has announced agreements with Northrop Grumman and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries to invest in the Precinct. Though the Western Sydney City Deal, the NSW Government also announced its commitment to deliver an Aerospace Institute in the Aerotropolis, including a STEM university, a VET facility, and a public high school focusing on the aerospace and aviation industries.</p>
12	<p>That the NSW Government secure the future funding arrangements for the Defence Innovation Network so that it can plan and hire beyond a 12-month period.</p>	<p>Supported</p> <p>Increasing opportunities for innovation, commercialisation and research within defence industry is a key strategic theme of the NSW Government Defence and Industry Strategy.</p> <p>The NSW Government, through Defence NSW and the Office of the Chief Scientist and Engineer (OCSE), established the Defence Innovation Network (DIN) in 2017. The DIN is a government sponsored partnership between the Defence Science and Technology Group and seven premier New South Wales universities.</p> <p>Generally, the OCSE provides research funding on a year-by-year basis to enable flexibility in milestones, deliverables and budget in response to a rapidly changing research and industry environment.</p>

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		<p>On 15 October, 2018, the NSW Government announced the commitment of a further \$2.4 million to the DIN to provide further funding certainty.</p> <p>In response to feedback from the DIN and other Networks (Cyber Security and Smart Sensing), the Department of Industry has amended the contract structure to anticipate an additional two years of funding (2019-20 and 2020-21), subject to performance against current and future milestones and deliverables each year. This multi-year funding approach will assist in future planning and recruitment, while also providing the Department the ability to ensure that funding is being paid for milestones that have been met, and that the milestones continue to be fit for purpose.</p>
13	That the NSW Government examine the possibility of increased resourcing for the Defence Innovation Network	<p>Supported</p> <p>Resourcing will be considered by the Government through the annual budget process.</p>
14	That the NSW Government continue its advocacy for the New South Wales space industry and efforts to secure the Australian Space Agency for New South Wales.	<p>Supported</p> <p>The Department of Industry is leading the State's bid to establish the Headquarters of the Australian National Space Agency in New South Wales; this is a priority for the NSW Government.</p>
15	That the NSW Government add space to the list of priorities in high-tech manufacturing alongside Defence and seek an urgent report from the incoming NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer as to opportunities for New South Wales to join the national space effort.	<p>Supported</p> <p>The Department of Industry is preparing a Space & Aerospace Industry Development Strategy, incorporating the Space industry, to be released in early 2019. Dr Paul Scully-Power, AM has been appointed as an advocate for the Space industry in NSW.</p>