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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **INQUIRY INTO THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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A new Upper House inquiry into the defence industry in New South Wales was launched this week by the State Development Committee.

‘To help support defence and generate greater investment and innovation in the state it is important to consider how to incentivise and grow the defence industry in New South Wales,’ said Greg Pearce, Chair of the State Development Committee.

‘New South Wales is a leader in advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, aerospace, information and communication technology and many other areas directly relevant to the needs of defence. The committee will look at ways to further encourage defence industry innovation, research and education, and workforce development. We will also consider how to maximise the economic benefits of locating defence force bases and defence industry in the regions, as well as ways to enhance collaboration between the NSW Government and Commonwealth agencies’ continued Mr Pearce.

‘The committee will consult extensively throughout the inquiry, including in regional areas. We encourage submissions from interested individuals, groups and organisations,’ Mr Pearce concluded.

The closing date for submissions is 18 June 2017. Submissions should be lodged online at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment). The committee anticipates holding public hearings in Sydney and regional New South Wales later this year.

For more information, including terms of reference and guidelines for making a submission, please visit the committee’s website at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment).

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