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# Symposia Program

**Darwin Convention Centre**  
**Wednesday 30 April 2025**



<b>Time slot</b>	<b>Room 1 Advancing Capability</b>	<b>Room 2 Industry Force Multipliers</b>	<b>Room 3 Defence Business Essentials</b>
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Test-Bedding Dual-Use Innovations in the NT</b> (Panel - 1 hr)	<b>Enabling Collaborative Partnerships in the North</b> (Panel - 45 min)	
13.30 - 15.00			<b>Navigating Defence Series - BAE Systems</b> (Industry Workshop - 1.5 hrs)
14.00 - 15.00		<b>Veterans in the Workforce: An Untapped Advantage</b> (Panel - 1hr)	
14.30 - 15.30	<b>Strengthening Defence Exports</b> (Panel - 1 hr)		
15.30 - 16.30		<b>Breaking Barriers: Women Leading in Defence Industry</b> (Panel - 1hr)	
15.45 - 16.00			<b>Australian Signals Directorate: Cyber Threat Landscape</b> (Speaker - 15 min)
16.00 - 17.00	<b>Australian Submarine Agency: AUKUS Overview</b> (Speaker - 1 hr)		

**13:00 - 14:00**

## **ROOM 1 - Advancing Capability**

### **Test-Bedding Dual-Use Innovations in the NT (Panel):**

The Northern Territory offers a unique environment for testing and refining cutting-edge defence and dual-use technologies, with its strategic proximity to Asia, vast open landscapes, low population density, and predictable climate conditions. This panel will explore how these advantages—combined with access to key logistics hubs and world-class training facilities make the NT an ideal testbed. Industry leaders will discuss opportunities for businesses and research institutions to leverage the NT's conditions for high-intensity testing, ruggedisation, and technology validation, positioning the region as a national hub for defence and dual-use capability development.

**13:00 - 14:00**

## **ROOM 2 - Industry Force Multipliers**

### **Enabling Collaborative Partnerships in the North (Panel):**

Collaboration is critical to delivering large-scale defence projects and ensuring success in the defence industry. Hear from a diverse panel of industry leaders as they discuss approaches to create new partnerships, provide examples of working across jurisdictional boundaries, and outline processes to unlock new opportunities in defence.

**13:30 - 15:00**

## **ROOM 3 - Defence Business Essentials**

### **Navigating Defence Series (Industry Workshop):**

New to defence? This deep-dive session, led by BAE Systems, provides a practical roadmap for businesses looking to engage with Defence. Learn about procurement processes, compliance requirements, and pathways for SMEs to access Defence contracts and funding opportunities.

**14:00 - 15:00**

## **ROOM 2 - Industry Force Multipliers**

### **Veterans in the Workforce: An Untapped Advantage (Panel):**

Veterans bring unmatched leadership, resilience, and technical skills to the workforce—so why are they often overlooked? This panel explores how businesses can leverage veteran talent, the benefits of hiring ex-service personnel, and the resources available to support veteran employment and entrepreneurship.

**14:30 - 15:30**

## **ROOM 1 - Advancing Capability**

### **Strengthening Defence Exports: Building capability, capacity and global competitiveness (Panel):**

Unlocking global opportunities for the Northern Territory. Defence exports are a \$5 billion industry in Australia—how can your business get involved? This session provides real-world case studies on exporting defence products and services, navigating international regulations, and tapping into government support programs.

**15:30 - 16:30**

## **ROOM 2 - Industry Force Multipliers**

### **Breaking Barriers: Women Leading in Defence Industry (Panel):**

Women are a driving force in the Defence industry, yet career progression often comes with unique challenges. This panel explores the realities of leadership, mentorship, and overcoming obstacles to success. This panel discussion will highlight real-world experiences, amplify voices from across the sector, and spark meaningful conversations about shaping a more inclusive and dynamic Defence industry for the future.

**15:45 - 16:00**

## **ROOM 3 - Defence Business Essentials**

### **Australian Signals Directorate: Cyber Threat Landscape (Speaker Session):**

Cybersecurity is a critical battlefield in modern warfare. This briefing by the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) provides a real-time assessment of cyber threats facing the defence industry and practical guidance on protecting your organisation from cyberattacks.

**16:00 - 17:00**

## **ROOM 1 - Advancing Capability**

### **Australian Submarine Agency: AUKUS Overview (Speaker Session):**

The AUKUS submarine program is one of Australia's most ambitious defence initiatives. This session, led by the Australian Submarine Agency, provides a high-level overview of the program, opportunities for industry engagement, and the skills required for future sustainment and construction.