

Hon Martin Hamilton-Smith MP

Minister for Defence and Space Industries

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SA Space Innovation Complex to accelerate our space ventures

South Australia will capitalise on the recent record-breaking Space Congress through a new partnership with more than 15 Australian and international space sector start-ups.

The South Australian Space Innovation Complex consortium has agreed to work with the State Government to establish Southern Hemisphere innovation facilities in SA for launch testing, technology development, stepped flight-proving programs and space-qualification missions.

Defence and Space Industries Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith last night outlined the plans before space industry leaders, including International Astronautical Federation President Jean-Yves Le Gall and Space Industry Association of Australia chair Michael Davies.

The partnership will be coordinated by the State Government and Fleet Space Technologies and discussions are already underway with the following businesses working across the sector, including in the fields of space launch, remote sensing analytics, robotics and rocketry: Delta-V Newspace Alliance, Moonshot Space Company, Gilmour Space Technologies, Alauda Aeronautics, Flurosat, HE Robotics, Ozius Spatial, Australia Space Launch, Space Ops Australia, Eirobotix, Hypersonix, Next Aero, Additive Rocket Corporation, Southern Launch and Ripple.

Background

South Australia is serious about space. The State Government has appointed the first Space Industries Minister in Australia and has set up the South Australian Space Industries Centre (SASIC), the first of its kind in Australia, which can also double as an industry node of any future national space agency.

The new Space Innovation Fund, overseen by the SASIC will support the emerging space industry by providing funding of up \$1 million a year to grow jobs and build South Australia's space ecosystem. The Fund is the first step in establishing a new Space Innovation Hub in South Australia. The fund will award \$1 million a year, for four years, to support training scholarships, incubation services and a business accelerator program.

Quotes attributable to Investment and Trade Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith

The South Australian Space Innovation Complex will help take us to that next chapter of challenges and opportunities.

The 68th International Astronautical Congress brought more than 4000 industry players to Adelaide last week. We are making sure we make the best use of that international exposure.

SA has an existing and growing space industry with companies such as Fleet Space technologies and Inovor Technologies who are leading local innovation. But we recognise there is scope for even more.

This state's role in the space industry dates to 1947's establishment of the Woomera Rocket Range. But it's time to write new chapters, accept new challenges and create new opportunities.

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