



AIDN-WA Industry Consultation on the WA Defence Strategy

PERTH, IOMRC Auditorium, UWA, 17th July 2018 – The Australian Industry and Defence Network of Western Australia (AIDN-WA) conducted a WA Defence Strategy industry consultation session. The event provided an opportunity for former Major General Jeff Sengelman to engage with industry in Western Australia as he seeks to formulate the Strategy.

Mr Sengelman has been engaged by the West Australian State Government to both produce and establish the Strategic Plan, and appreciated the opportunity to engage directly with industry members. He noted that while he has been commissioned by the WA government for this task, he is doing so as an independent advisor and in close partnership with a wide range of key stakeholders including the Federal Government, the Department of Defence and related sectors. He applauded the level of interest, good will, support and constructive collaboration being extended to him at all levels both within WA and across Australia.

“The WA Defence Strategic Plan will be integral to the future of Defence-related activities in this State and consultation with industry and all other involved sectors is therefore critical to the formulation of this Strategy. This will be an undertaking that accounts for our national sovereign interest; builds from the stated requirements and priorities of the Federal government and Defence; promotes collaboration and innovation both nationally and internationally and supports as a core focus, the men and women of our incredible Defence Force and the capabilities they employ”, stated Mr Sengelman.

The WA Defence Strategy discussion was followed by a presentation from AIDN-WA Chairperson Kristian Constantinides, who presented to those in attendance a plan for the future of Defence Advocacy in Western Australia.

“AIDN-WA has been actively considering the future Defence Advocacy environment in Western Australia, and consulting with various parties in previous months to work towards this outcome. With conceptual support, the time was right to present this plan to industry. It also felt particularly relevant to present this alongside consultation on the WA Defence Strategy, as this strategy will provide a critical role in framing the advocacy activities in the State for the years to come. I certainly appreciate Major General Sengelman reaching out to AIDN-WA for support with this endeavour, and we welcome the input of the entire Defence industry.”