

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

**between**

**The State Government of South Australia (SA)**

**and**

**The Australian Capital Territory (ACT)**

**and**

**The Northern Territory of Australia (NT)**

**Clause 1              Purpose and Objectives**

The Australian Capital Territory (ACT), the Northern Territory of Australia (NT) and the State Government of South Australia (SA) recognise the importance of supporting the growth of the Australian space industry.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) reflects the significance which each of the parties ascribe to this matter and outlines their desire to strengthen and enhance their collaboration so as to achieve national progress in growing and developing the national space industry. In particular, this MOU provides a framework and articulates the underpinning principles and key elements of the parties' relationship and how it is intended that this relationship will be strengthened into the future, in order to maximise its potential for all parties and the nation.

**Clause 2              Value and Goals**

The value of the MOU to each jurisdiction is significant as it provides an avenue to deliver impact and to access knowledge, expertise and infrastructure that may not be achieved solely within each jurisdiction. Underpinning this MOU is a commitment to collaborate on building the national space industry delivering impact nationally. This commitment is an important one, and should remain central to the execution of the MOU.

The MOU will be based on matters consistent with the plans, policies and laws of the parties. Key features include:

- i.     Joint advocacy for the development of Australia's space industry;

- ii. Promoting national capability in space;
- iii. Input to discussion on national space policies, programs and strategies;
- iv. Jointly delivering impact to the nation.

### **Clause 3              Overarching Principles Underpinning the MOU**

The relationship between SA, NT and ACT is a strong and positive one. The basic principles that underpin and govern the relationship will help to preserve and strengthen it. These principles include:

- i. Integrity – each party acts towards the others in good faith and with honesty;
- ii. Good communication – each party communicates promptly and openly;
- iii. Cooperation – each party works in a cooperative and constructive manner, recognising the other parties' view points and respecting the other parties' differences;
- iv. Innovation – each party encourages new approaches and creative solutions to achieve positive outcomes and impact;
- v. Sustainability – each party acknowledges that where possible, outcomes should be economically, socially and environmentally sustainable; and
- vi. Mutual benefit – the interactions under this MOU create benefits for the three jurisdictions and the national space sector in general.

The parties agree that cooperation must remain consistent with the separate statutory responsibilities and strategies of the parties.

The parties agree to develop over time, ways to improve how agreements are recognised implemented and managed.

### **Clause 4              Jointly Advocating for the Development of Australia's Space Industry**

ACT, NT and SA space assets and capabilities have a critical role in the development of Australia's space industry. ACT, NT and SA will take a more coordinated approach to jointly advocate that the Australian Government should further develop these assets and capabilities and increase their international competitiveness.

This will include engagement with industry, academia and the general Australian public with a view to raising awareness and increasing support for the development of targeted space capabilities and assets.

ACT, NT and SA agree to use their best efforts and resources to engage both the Australian Government and other state governments in order to achieve an agreed, truly national, collaborative approach.

**Clause 5                  Jointly Promoting Australia's Space Capability**

ACT, NT and SA are leading Australian jurisdictions dedicating resources in order to develop Australia's space industry.

ACT, NT and SA will actively seek opportunities to focus on providing support to professional development and skills training for young people to build capability in the national space sector.

ACT, NT and SA will explore opportunities to promote Australia's space research and development and industry capabilities in space to regional and international partners.

The strengthening relationship between ACT, NT and SA provides an opportunity to share capability plans. ACT, NT and SA will, when possible, communicate their capability plans to one another, enabling each jurisdiction to consider establishing complementary capabilities.

**Clause 6                  Input to Discussion on National Space Policies and Programs and Strategies**

ACT, NT and SA will each have a role to play in contributing to national discussion on space policies, programs and strategies. Where possible and appropriate, ACT, NT and SA will coordinate their contributions to these discussions.

**Clause 7                  Jointly Delivering Impact to the Nation**

ACT, NT and SA will work together to develop, encourage and use mechanisms to support the transition of research into practical outcomes of national benefit.

This may include sharing information, frameworks, plans and lessons learned with each other.

**Clause 8                  Governing Mechanism**

In order to work towards the goals and objectives articulated in this MOU, execution of the MOU will be managed through the following mechanism:

- I. ACT, NT and SA, through representative agencies, will meet at least twice yearly to set broad directions and monitor the overall progress of the MOU.
- II. Nominated officers will have responsibility for the oversight of the relationship and will also identify and explore opportunities to work together in areas of common significance.

**Clause 9                  Term and Nature**

The term of this MOU is five years, at which time ACT, NT and SA will each review the relationship and seek to amend this MOU as required. The parties acknowledge that this is not a legally binding document but rather a statement of intent and principles which the parties will use to deepen and broaden their already significant relationship.

**Clause 10                  Acknowledgement**

ACT, NT and SA have different and complementary roles in the Australian space industry. The purpose of this MOU is to enhance collaboration between the three jurisdictions in order for all to work together to achieve increased growth, development and investment in the national space economy and deliver value to the Australian economy, society and environment.

The parties recognise that they can best achieve their respective missions by significant cooperation with each other but in doing so, each party shall be at liberty to conduct and exploit its own developments, and related activities without constraint. The MOU is not intended to create any exclusivity between the parties.

The parties are committed to enhancing the relationship and will explore mechanisms to turn this commitment into reality.

Signed in ADELAIDE, on the 25 day of September 2017

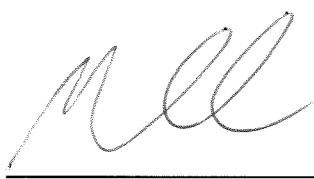
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