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land warfare conference and exhibition 2007

The 2007 Land Warfare Conference and Exhibition was held in Adelaide, 22-26 October 2007. It is a major event for users, providers, academics, designers and manufacturers to meet and present new and visionary ideas on Land Systems. Over 1,600 delegates attended the conference this year which was supported by over 120 exhibits by industry and Defence entities.

The Defence Support Division of the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development led a Territory delegation of government and industry representatives to the conference. The Minister for Defence Support, Hon Kon Vatskalis participated in the delegation. The delegation's exhibit this year was far more sophisticated and prominent than it had been previously.

northern territory delegation

The companies who participated in the Territory exhibit were Australian Industry and Defence Network – NT (AIDN-NT), North Australian Technologies, Syntonic Technologies, Universal Engineering, DDEEDS, Carcom Installations, Regional and Northern Maintenance Services (RANms) and General Dynamic Land Systems.

During the conference the Minister and the Defence Support team held meetings with a number of Chief Executives and senior management from key Defence prime contractors to promote the Territory's industry capability and reinforce the Northern Territory Government's view that Defence equipment based in the Territory should be maintained here.



Northern Territory delegates at Land Warfare 2007. L -> R: Tony Copley, Carcom Installations; Smokey Dawson, DDEEDS; Hon Kon Vatskalis; Peter Sims, DBERD; Chris Gahan, DDEEDS; Jodie Stewart, DBERD; Paul Mahoney, RANms; Nikola Lekias Ministerial Media adviser; Sheree Smith, North Australian Technologies; John Manners, North Australian Technologies; Mark Smith, Syntonic Technologies; Gareth James, DBERD.



The Northern Territory exhibit at the Land Warfare Conference and Exhibition



Hon Kon Vatskalis and Chief Of Army Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AC

Discussions were far ranging but specifically included such things as the contracts to deliver the through life support for the Abrams tanks, ASLAVs, artillery and field vehicles all based in the Territory.

“We confirmed the Government’s support for companies who bring new projects and contracts to the Territory and engage with local businesses creating jobs and contributing to the Territory’s economic growth,” Gareth James, Assistant Secretary Defence Support Division said.

haulmark trailers announces \$10 million construction development

Following a meeting with the owners and senior management of Haulmark Trailers (Australia), the Minister and the company were able to announce that Haulmark has confirmed it intends to construct facilities worth around \$10 million on almost four hectares of land at Darwin’s Defence Support Hub following successful contract negotiations with the Commonwealth. Haulmark Trailers (Australia) is the preferred tenderer to deliver around 3,000 trailers to Defence under the project known as Project Overlander - Land 121.

visit to asc Pty ltd and techport

On 25 October 2007 Minister Vatskalis and Gareth James, visited the ASC and Techport to receive a briefing on the development of the maritime common user facility and the Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Project and viewed Collins Class submarines going through deep level maintenance.

The AWD project will manufacture three destroyers and is worth \$8 billion. Because of the modular construction process to be employed, this project could deliver significant manufacturing and assembly opportunities for engineering companies across Australia, including the Northern Territory. The Department is delivering support to local businesses who are planning to secure some of this work.



Hon Kon Vatskalis and Mark Gobell,
General Manager SA Operations, ASC Pty Ltd

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