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CANBERRA REGION**

# DEFENCE AND SECURITY

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*The Canberra Region is the defence procurement capital of Australia, and with established defence infrastructure there is amazing potential for new growth and investment opportunities.*

The Canberra Region, strategically located between Sydney and Melbourne, continues to experience strong growth across a range of defence and security related industries.

With diverse possibilities, brilliant lifestyle opportunities, supporting goods and services and easy access to Sydney, Melbourne and East Asia, there are strong opportunities for investors in the Canberra Region through provision of defence and security products and services.

[Canberra is Australia's defence capital](#) with the largest concentration of defence and national security agencies, assets and organisations in Australia. The ACT government is committed to the growth of the defence industry in the Canberra region and to maximising the economic benefit to this region from the Commonwealth Government's defence commitments.

The Department of Defence has one of the largest budgets of any Australian Government agency, at over \$32 billion for 2016-17. Approximately 15 per cent, or \$4.8 billion of this, is indirectly spent within the Canberra Region economy. The 2016 Defence White Paper set out a long-term vision for Defence with the promise of an additional \$29.9 billion in funding for Defence across ten years to 2025, linked to expenditure of \$195 billion in defence capability across the same period.

THE CANBERRA REGION  
TAKES IN SOUTH EAST NSW  
AND ACT, INCLUDING  
SOUTH-WESTERN SLOPES,  
SOUTHERN TABLELANDS,  
NATION'S CAPITAL, SOUTH  
COAST, SNOWY  
MOUNTAINS, AND NSW HIGH  
COUNTRY.



## CANBERRA REGION DEFENCE CAPABILITY

The [Canberra Region Defence Capability Directory](#) promotes the Canberra Region's specialist capabilities and unique value proposition for defence, containing over 100 companies, government agencies, and higher education and research organisations.

The Department of Defence directly contributes approximately \$3.1 billion per annum to the Canberra Region economy and creates 16,800 jobs. Canberra and the surrounding region is also headquarters to a number of security, cyber, diplomatic, intelligence and law enforcement agencies including:

- Intelligence Organisation;
- Australian Federal Police;
- Australian Crime Commission;
- The Office of National Assessment;
- Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation;
- Australian Signals Directorate;
- Australian Secret Intelligence Organisation;
- Australian Border Force; and
- Australian Cyber Security Centre.

In addition to these key Defence agencies, the Canberra Region includes:

- Australian Headquarters Joint Operations Command East of Queanbeyan and close to Canberra.
- The Defence Support Centre, Cooma – was opened in December 2000, as a part of a Defence initiative to build a purpose built call centre to provide recruitment information and field general enquiries. The call centre handles around 250,000 calls per year, 100,000 e-mail enquiries and dispatch over 50,000 items per year.
- Significant defence industry capabilities across land, sea, air and joint domains, including HMAS Albatross, located close to Nowra in the nearby Shoalhaven region.

Defence spending in the Canberra Region is worth over \$4 billion each year

**Canberra has the greatest level of government spending per capita in Australia.**

The Canberra Region population will reach 680,000 people by 2021 and over 750,000 by 2031.



In addition to the significant defence spending and infrastructure, the Canberra Region boasts offices of major multinational companies specialising in defence supply, including:

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| • British Aerospace     | • Boeing                   |
| • Lockheed Martin       | • Saab                     |
| • BAE Systems Australia | • CAE Australia            |
| • Northrop Grumman      | • Raytheon                 |
| • Electro Optic Systems | • Codarra Advanced Systems |

Additionally, the **ACT Defence Industry Advisory Board** provides strategic advice on how the Canberra Region can take advantage of key areas in the 2016 Defence White Paper to ensure the Canberra Region obtains maximum benefit from the Commonwealth's commitment to increased Defence funding.

## RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

The Canberra Region's proximity to world-leading research and education infrastructure reinforces its place as the defence capital of the country. The Canberra Region has world class research and education organisations, including:

- Australian National University, including the National Security College - a national centre of excellence for executive and professional development, research and teaching in security;
- University of Canberra, including the National Security Institute;
- Australian Defence Force Academy;
- Australian Defence College;
- Royal Military College at Duntroon;
- The ARC Centre of Excellence for Quantum Computation & Communication Technology, the Southern Hemisphere's most integrated super computer and computational facility, which supports the most advanced data analysis, modelling and computational capability;
- the Australian Centre for Cyber Security at UNSW Canberra; and
- Australia's national data and ICT research agency - Data61 and CSIRO - which have been given key roles by the Australian Government in implementing its national cyber security strategy

The ACT Government has made capability support in **Cyber Security and Space technology** a key priority

The Canberra Region boasts a highly educated and skilled workforce, with nearly **1 in 10 people** working in the scientific, professional and technical industries.

Defence is investing \$4 million to create additional space at its **Twofold Bay Ammunitions depot** near the Port of Eden.



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