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## Press Release

# Defence Opportunities in Unmanned Aircraft Systems – An Industry Boon

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The release of the Defence White Paper earlier this year painted a positive outlook for unmanned systems in Australia. Speaking at the Australian Association for Unmanned Systems (AAUS) Conference at the Land Forces Event in Adelaide, Major General Andrew Mathewson, Head of Helicopter Systems Division, Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group confirmed that Defence will invest more than \$6.5B in unmanned aircraft technologies over the next 22 years.

Speakers from Air Force, Navy and Army detailed a range of programs for the acquisition and sustainment of unmanned aircraft technologies, and the significant opportunities for Australian industry.

AAUS welcomes Defence's commitment to unmanned systems and their willingness to engage with Australian Industry. The rapid pace of technology development and the emergent nature of Defence requirements necessitate regular interaction between Defence and Industry. AAUS events, networking and outreach activities will continue to play an important role in fostering this interaction and helping to enable Australian Defence Force unmanned capability.

### About AAUS

The Australian Association for Unmanned Systems (AAUS) is Australia's largest industry advocacy group for unmanned systems. AAUS represents unmanned systems across all three domains: land, sea and air. AAUS' objective is to promote a professional, safe and commercially viable unmanned systems industry.

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