

\$5m SICP funding package unveiled



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Defence Industry Minister Melissa Price has announced a total of nearly \$5 million in Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority (SICP) grant Australian SMEs.

The SICP grants program supports eligible Australian small to medium-sized companies who can provide significant contributions to our Defence industry needs.

“These successful grant recipients are being supported to deliver a number of quality projects that will enhance Australian defence industry’s sovereign capabilities, aligned with Defence’s Sovereign Industrial Capability Priorities,” Minister Price said.

“Queensland-based Cyborg Dynamics Engineering is developing a robotic unmanned ground vehicle. Their grant funding will be used to fund the project’s design, materials, equipment and testing.

“Another recipient, New South Wales-based company Rojone Pty Ltd, is establishing a fibre optic cable assembly capability, connecting vital systems to ensure ADF personnel have access to the information they require to perform their duties.”

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Minister Price said the SICP grants program is a key government initiative providing support and funding to eligible Australian businesses.

The funding will help them to build their capacity and resilience, which in turn supports Defence’s most critical capabilities.

Eligible activities funded through the program relate directly to buying, constructing, installing or commissioning capital equipment, including associated training for their workforce.

Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority grants were made out to:

Frontline Manufacturing	\$710,000	Grant funding will be used to purchase a specialised brake press for manufacturing metal plate used on armoured fighting vehicles.	QLD
SRC Australia	\$311,384	Grant funding will be used to fund the purchase and installation of specialist hardware that will enable the facility to support warfighting functions.	ACT
Infinite Engineering	\$1,000,000	Grant funding will be used to purchase capital equipment that will increase scale of manufacturing capacity and capability.	VIC