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Building our defence industry capability

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Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Melissa Price MP today congratulated 11 Australian businesses who have received a total of nearly \$5 million to help them to grow our nation's defence industry capability.

The Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority 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."

Minister Price said the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority 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 is then supporting 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.

Grant applications can be made at any time and can be submitted through the Centre for Defence Industry Capability website at: www.business.gov.au/cdic (<http://www.business.gov.au/cdic>)

The Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority Grants announced today:

Company	Grant Amount	Details	State
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
Cyborg Dynamics Engineering	\$426,150	Grant funding will be used to fund project design, materials, equipment and testing.	QLD
Jehbco Manufacturing	\$123,654	Grant funding will be used to fund the purchase and installation of new capital equipment. This will expand production capabilities.	NSW
Aero Spec Engineering	\$399,077	Grant funding will be used to fund the purchase and installation of manufacturing equipment, building modifications, staff training and accreditation.	VIC
RUAG Australia	\$1,000,000	Grant funding will be used to modernise and automate critical equipment.	VIC
The Smart Think Australia	\$207,291	Grant funding will be used to purchase and install new capital equipment that will increase productivity, and broaden the range of products available.	VIC
Aquaterro Advanced Product Supplies	\$372,317	Grant funding will be used to expand storage requirements for weapons and ammunition, in line with Defence specifications.	VIC
Simbiant	\$278,475	Grant funding will be used to design and commission a software-defined radar advanced signal processing facility.	SA
Rojone	\$129,950	Grant funding will be used to purchase capital equipment and undertake technical training. This will enable the production of military grade cable assemblies within Australia.	NSW