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## NSW DEFENCE SMARTS ON SHOW AT PACIFIC 2017

The best of NSW defence will be showcased to the world this week

Minister for Western Sydney, Stuart Ayres representing the Minister for Trade Industry, said more than 500 companies from 23 countries would be attending the event – one of the large maritime and defence forums in the Asia Pacific.

"This is a major defence maritime event attracting leading national and international decision makers and providing NSW companies with global procurement and supply chain opportunities," Mr Ayres said.

"NSW is home to the largest number of defence bases and key platforms across air, land and sea - boasting more than 80 military facilities across the state.

"Our state's strengths make us ideally suited to meet the complex and evolving needs of Defenceand the NSW Government has made a strong commitment to industry as the Principal Sponsor for this event.

"NSW is a state that goes out of its way to support our best and brightest. This year at PACIFIC 2017, we are supporting fourteen of our most exciting defence companies as they showcase their capabilities.

"Our support will help leverage NSW's strengths in complex systems, integration and sustainment, advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, and aerospace technology."

The Australian Government's Defence White Paper outlines programs and acquisitions worth more than $195 billion over the decade to 2026.

NSW's Defence and Industry Strategy positionsNSW to best support national Defence efforts while maximising significant opportunities for NSW industry.

Key initiatives include establishing Defence NSW to support industry, securing projects and jobs and strengthening research and development.

NSW has 10 out of 15 national finalists for the [Maritime Australia Industry Innovation Awards](#)on Wednesday.

More information can be found at [www.pacific2017.com.au/](http://www.pacific2017.com.au/)

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