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Dear Friends of DSTG,

In 2027, the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) will mark 120 years of defence science and research in Australia. This significant milestone provides an opportunity to celebrate the enduring contribution of Australian defence science to our nation's security, reflect on the achievements of the past, and showcase the innovation, research and technological advancements shaping the future.

To commemorate this occasion, I have commissioned specialist publisher Faircount Media Group to produce a special 2027 edition of Defence Science and Technology OUTLOOK, with editorial support from DSTG's senior executive team and communications staff. This publication will celebrate the rich history of defence science in Australia, profile the people and priorities driving today's research efforts, and explore the future capabilities being developed to meet emerging challenges.

The OUTLOOK publication will also serve as a key engagement and promotional product throughout 2027, including at major defence events such as Avalon 2027 and Indo Pacific 2027, helping share the story of Australian defence science with stakeholders across government, industry, academia and our international partners.

Australia's defence science journey began in 1907, when the Commonwealth Department of Defence commissioned chemist Cecil Napier Hake to investigate the establishment of a sovereign explosives manufacturing capability. In the decades that followed, a series of organisations, laboratories and scientific institutions laid the foundations for what is today DSTG. From early research laboratories through to the formation of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) in 1974, and DSTG in 2015, defence science has remained central to Australia's national security and capability advantage.

Faircount Media Group has an established reputation in naval, military and aerospace publishing. Their publications produced in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy and other defence organisations are highly regarded across the sector. Examples include 100 Years of the Royal Australian Navy (2011), the official Navy OUTLOOK publication for the 2013 International Fleet Review, and 125 Years of Australia's Navy (2026). Faircount also continues to produce the respected Navy OUTLOOK publication.

As the publication cannot be funded by the Commonwealth, the support of industry marketing partners will enable Faircount Media Group to produce and distribute this special commemorative edition. Should you wish to discuss participating as a marketing partner, or learn more about the publication, please contact David Sanis at Faircount Media Group on 0405 116 315.

Yours sincerely,

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