



## Backgrounder

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*Boeing Defense, Space & Security*

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## Boeing Defence Australia

### **Description and Purpose:**

Boeing Defence Australia (BDA), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Boeing Company within the Boeing Defense, Space & Security (BDS) business unit, is one of Australia's leading aerospace enterprises. It has a world-class team of 1,300 employees at 15 locations throughout Australia and two international sites.

BDA supports some of the largest and most complex programs for the Commonwealth of Australia, the Australian Defence Force—including the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), Australian Army, Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO), and Royal Australian Navy (RAN) as well as domestic and international defence customers.

Organised into the three divisions—Information & Operational Services, Integrated Logistics, and Tactical Derivative Aircraft— BDA brings the best of Boeing and industry together to deliver world-class performance, systems and capabilities.

### ***Integrated Logistics:***

The Integrated Logistics division provides platform maintenance and upgrades, component maintenance solutions in addition to training systems and services for key customers. The division prides itself on its ability to deliver world class integrated logistics solutions that support military platforms and complex systems in order to maximise operational readiness while reducing the cost of ownership.

Projects and/or key capabilities include:

- F/A-18 A/B Classic Hornet Maintenance and Modifications
- F/A-18F Super Hornet Sustainment
- C-17 Globemaster III In Service Support
- Army Aviation Training and Training Support



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- Aerospace support
- **Technical support:**
  - Network centric logistic solutions
  - Spares and repairs
  - Life cycle cost modeling
  - Reliability engineering
  - Technical publication management

### ***Information & Operational Systems:***

The Information & Operational Systems division provides complex command, control and communication (C2) systems and mission critical infrastructure support to customers. The division specialises in, engineering services and information and cyber-security solutions.

Key projects include:

- Vigilare—world leading Air Defence C2 System
- Network Centric Command and Control System
- High Frequency Modernisation (HFMOD) Program Network Operation Support
- Systems Engineering Integration and Verification
- Cyber & Information Systems
- Wideband Global SATCOM
- Tactical Data Link Engineering Services
- Software Engineering
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### ***Tactical Derivative Aircraft:***

The Tactical Derivative Aircraft division supports commercial – to – military conversion projects for countries acquiring Boeing Airborne Antisubmarine Warfare and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance products.

Key projects include:

- Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning & Control (AEW&C) In Service Support
- Korea's Peace Eye In-Service Support

Peace Eagle AEW&C In – Service Support

### ***Systems Analysis Laboratory:***

The Systems Analysis Laboratory delivers the region's most sophisticated modeling, simulation, analysis and experimentation of advanced concepts and military operations.. The facility is operated by a team of highly skilled software engineers and tri-service ex-military operations analysts to provide decision support services to defence projects.



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Using Boeing's international laboratory network, LabNet, the Systems Analysis Laboratory team can reach out and draw upon the expertise of their counterparts in the United States, United Kingdom and other Boeing facilities throughout the world. Boeing's team in the SAL have been providing decision support services to the ADF and other key customers for more than a decade.

### History

Boeing Defence Australia's presence in Australia dates back to 1937 when North American Aviation Inc., now part of Boeing, licensed an Australian company named Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation to build a prototype training aircraft. The prototype was successful and after World War II manufacturing began on additional aircraft for the RAAF at the Government Aircraft Factories (GAF) facilities.

The GAF were renamed Aerospace Technologies of Australia (ASTA) in 1987 and in 1995 the Australian Government sold elements of ASTA to Rockwell Systems Australia. This acquisition provided Rockwell with capabilities in aircraft production, aircraft modification and component manufacture and service. The company changed its name to Rockwell Australia Limited later that year.

In 1996, Boeing acquired Rockwell's global aerospace and defence business, including its Australian operations, which it renamed Boeing Australia Limited. In November 2008, Boeing Australia Ltd became Boeing Defence Australia to further strengthen relationships with Australian military customers and position itself for future growth in Australia.

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