

# **Boeing and Northrop Grumman Australia join forces for JP9347**

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Boeing Defence Australia (BDA) and Northrop Grumman Australia have partnered to develop a solution for the Joint Interface Control System, the first capability element of JP9347 – the Commonwealth of Australia’s Joint Data Network Program.

Using the Joint Interface Control system, defence operators will be able to integrate data coming in from multiple and independent secure networks to create a single operational view for improved situational awareness.

The companies’ solution will integrate proven products from both partners to create a sovereign and uniquely Australian system that will evolve to meet the ever-increasing data and coordination needs of the Australian Defence Force.

“The team offers operationally proven, mission capable communication and Tactical Data Link products,” says Boeing Defense, Space and Security’s director of Global Sales & Marketing for Australia and New Zealand, Dale McDowall. “Combined with extensive in-country systems design and development experience to deliver the foundation for a resilient and sovereign-controlled JDN”.

From the state-of-the-art battlespace management capability system, Wakulda, to the deployable, multi-bearer Currawong battlespace communication system, BDA has a demonstrated pedigree for in-country development and delivery of both hardware and software solutions for complex, sovereign communications networks.

For 60 years, Northrop Grumman has been a leader in the design, development and delivery of end-to-end communications and advanced networking capabilities for U.S. and allied military forces. Northrop Grumman Australia is building on the company’s proven track record of success by delivering Combined Joint All-Domain Command and Control offerings and leading sovereign communications and network management technologies.

“This partnership brings to bear the best of companies’ technology, talent and expertise in network communications and gateway systems to ensure the ADF maintains the required strategic advantage in an age of data-driven warfare,” said Andrew Pryor, director of business development, Northrop Grumman Australia. “We stand ready to meet the JP9347 mission needs of the ADF today and in the future.”

The team will help grow Australian industry capability through technology transfer while providing reach back to global resources to help Australia remain at the cutting edge of data link developments.