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AUSTRALIA-INDIA DEFENCE INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE PERTH

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Australia and India are entering a new phase of defence cooperation, but the challenge is increasingly how to translate strategic alignment into practical industrial capability. From defence innovation and autonomous undersea systems, to critical minerals and resilient supply chains, both countries have complementary capabilities that could support a more integrated defence-industrial relationship. The key question is how to move beyond dialogue and existing cooperation towards joint research, co-development, testing, procurement and co-production.

In July 2026 at the Third Australia India Leaders Summit, Prime Ministers Anthony Albanese and Narendra Modi agreed to deepen Australia-India defence cooperation, including through greater defence-industry integration, stronger supply-chain resilience, innovation, research and advanced technologies. This creates an opportunity to build a more commercially sustainable partnership that draws on Australia's strengths in advanced research, technology and resources alongside India's manufacturing scale, industrial capacity and growing defence innovation ecosystem.

The Australia-India Defence Industry Roundtable will bring together Australian and Indian defence policy experts, government representatives and industry stakeholders to examine practical pathways for strengthening bilateral defence-industrial cooperation.

DISCUSSION THEMES

- What are Australia and India's defence priorities and policy settings, and what industrial capabilities are each country seeking to develop?
- What are the areas of common ground and opportunities to strengthen future bilateral defence and security cooperation?
- Which barriers to contracting, investment and intellectual property protection exist in the market, procurement and regulatory environments of both countries?
- How can Australian and Indian defence technology collaboration be better integrated to build future industry partnerships?

AUSTRALIA-INDIA DEFENCE INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

SESSION 1: Aligning Australia-India
Defence Partnerships

SESSION 2: Strengthening Defence
Industry Opportunities

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AUSTRALIA INDIA INSTITUTE

The Australia India Institute is Australia's leading centre dedicated to promoting support for and understanding of the Australia-India relationship and its cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

Since its establishment in 2008, the Institute has established a reputation for high-quality research and analysis. We have built an influential network across business, government, think tanks and academia that has helped shape engagement with decision-makers in both countries.

With the support of our funding partners and donors, the Institute's mission is to inform and mobilise Australian and Indian leaders and institutions to forge a stronger and more enduring relationship between our two countries.

In this mission, the Institute is guided by the principles of *bharosa* (trust), *maryada* (respect), *gyan* (knowledge) and *kalyan* (welfare).

By driving research, dialogue, and collaboration, the Institute actively contributes to public debate and policy development in both Australia and India.

"WITH THE AUSTRALIA INDIA RELATIONSHIP GOING FROM STRENGTH-TO-STRENGTH, BOTH COUNTRIES CAN BUILD A MORE SECURE AND PROSPEROUS INDO-PACIFIC REGION BY DEEPENING OUR DEFENCE INDUSTRY COOPERATION."

The Hon. Lisa Singh

Chief Executive Officer, Australia India Institute

SECURITY AND GEOPOLITICS PROGRAM

The Institute's Security and Geopolitics program pillar focuses on the security, defence, foreign policy and strategic affairs critical to both Australia and India, as well as geopolitical developments in the Indo-Pacific region. Under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) and 2+2 Ministerial Dialogues, both countries have committed to increasing security and defence cooperation on a bilateral basis and within multilateral institutions in order to build and maintain a stable, peaceful, prosperous, and inclusive region.

The Australia India Institute's Defence Program drives discussions on emerging areas of defence and security cooperation, aiming to deepen strategic ties and promote regional stability.

Through engagement with policy-makers, experts, analysts, and researchers, the program fosters shared understandings of regional security dynamics and the Australia-India security and defence relationship. It focuses on defence capabilities, maritime security, intelligence-sharing, counter-terrorism, and the enhancement of regional security institutions and partnerships. Additionally, it addresses security challenges such as transnational threats, climate change and environmental security, critical infrastructure, and emerging technologies.

