

NASA AND AUSTRALIAN SPACE AGENCY FORM NEW PARTNERSHIP

One giant step for the Australian space industry

The Space Industry Association of Australia (SIAA) welcomes today's announcement of a partnership between the Australian Space Agency and NASA, formalising future cooperation in space.

"This is a tremendous step forward for Australia's growing space industry, and will provide a significant injection of funding, which will underpin both jobs and growth in our space sector," said Mr Drury CSC, Chair of the SIAA.

Mr Drury went on to say "The Australian space industry has been growing steadily, as reflected in the exponential growth in our membership. Strong leadership and support from the Federal Government has accelerated this growth in the domestic space industry. A partnership with NASA will provide the next big incremental step needed to ensure continued expansion in the industry, encouraging the development of local skills and expertise and enabling a host of job opportunities for both current and future participants in the space sector, as well as motivating and encouraging our budding space enthusiasts."

We congratulate our Prime Minister the Hon Mr Scott Morrison MP, Minister for Industry Science and Technology the Hon Karen Andrews MP, and the Australian Space Agency on this key initiative which outlines and enables a path for growth for the Australian space industry.

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