

## Bright ideas of Aussie Businesses to protect our national security

The Australian Government has unveiled [three defence capability focus](#) areas critical to Australia's national security that will guide the Government's investment in the innovative ideas of Australian businesses. Some frequently asked questions have been prepared to provide further advice.

## Frequently asked questions

### **Why are the priorities changing?**

The Hub's shift from the six existing innovation priorities to key focus areas and the operational domains, aims to ensure Hub investments remain responsive to the rapid rate of technological change and the shifting strategic environment. This change will help ensure the Hub can continue to target innovative ideas that will deliver capability where the Australian Defence Force need them most.

Additionally, the new approach is designed to offer more detail for industry so it has a good understanding of what Defence is looking for.

### **What happens to submissions made before 1 July?**

Submissions made before 1 July should align to the [existing innovation priorities](#) and will be considered based on those. Submissions made after 1 July 2022 should align with the new key focus areas or operational domains.

### **Are submissions targeting key focus areas more likely to be successful?**

The key focus areas will be a high priority for investment. Defence also encourages submissions across the domains outlined in the 2020 Force Structure Plan.

### **Where can I find out more about the key focus areas?**

You can read more detailed information about the specific capabilities under each domain as well as the key focus areas on the [Defence Innovation Hub website](#). In the lead up to 1 July, further details will be provided about the key focus areas.

### **Can I resubmit a proposal that was previously unsuccessful, after 1 July 2022?**

Proposals that are re-submitted will undergo the standard evaluation process. If you intend to resubmit a proposal we strongly recommend you take on all feedback provided and engage with the Office of Defence Industry Support (ODIS) prior to re-submitting to ensure the greatest chance of success.

### **I have a current contract with the Hub, how does this change impact me?**

There will be no impact on current contracts.