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DEFENCE WEST

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## Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Group Industry Briefing
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# Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past and present.

# WA Defence and Defence Industry Strategy 2025

**Vision:**

- WA plays a vital and strategic role in supporting Australia's national security and defence objectives, with a world-class defence industry that diversifies the State's economy and created tangible benefits for the local community.
- This whole-of-government vision requires a coordinated effort, robust community engagement, and productive relationships with the Australian Government and other stakeholders.

**Six Pillars:**

1. Workforce
2. Infrastructure
3. Industry
4. Community
5. Research & Innovation
6. Veterans

**Grants: DRI, AUKUS SME Readiness, DaRT, CRG**

**Defence West Industry & Science Capability Directory**

# CUF Replication Status and Joint Planning

State providing:

- Input to Nuclear-Powered Submarine site evaluation
- Delivery of replacement common user facilities to support non-defence industry (CUF Replication)
- Immediate support for LCH impacts at CUF – initial $30 million

- DevWA leading on interim replacement infrastructure
  - Fabrication hall capability
  - Hard stand areas and VTP

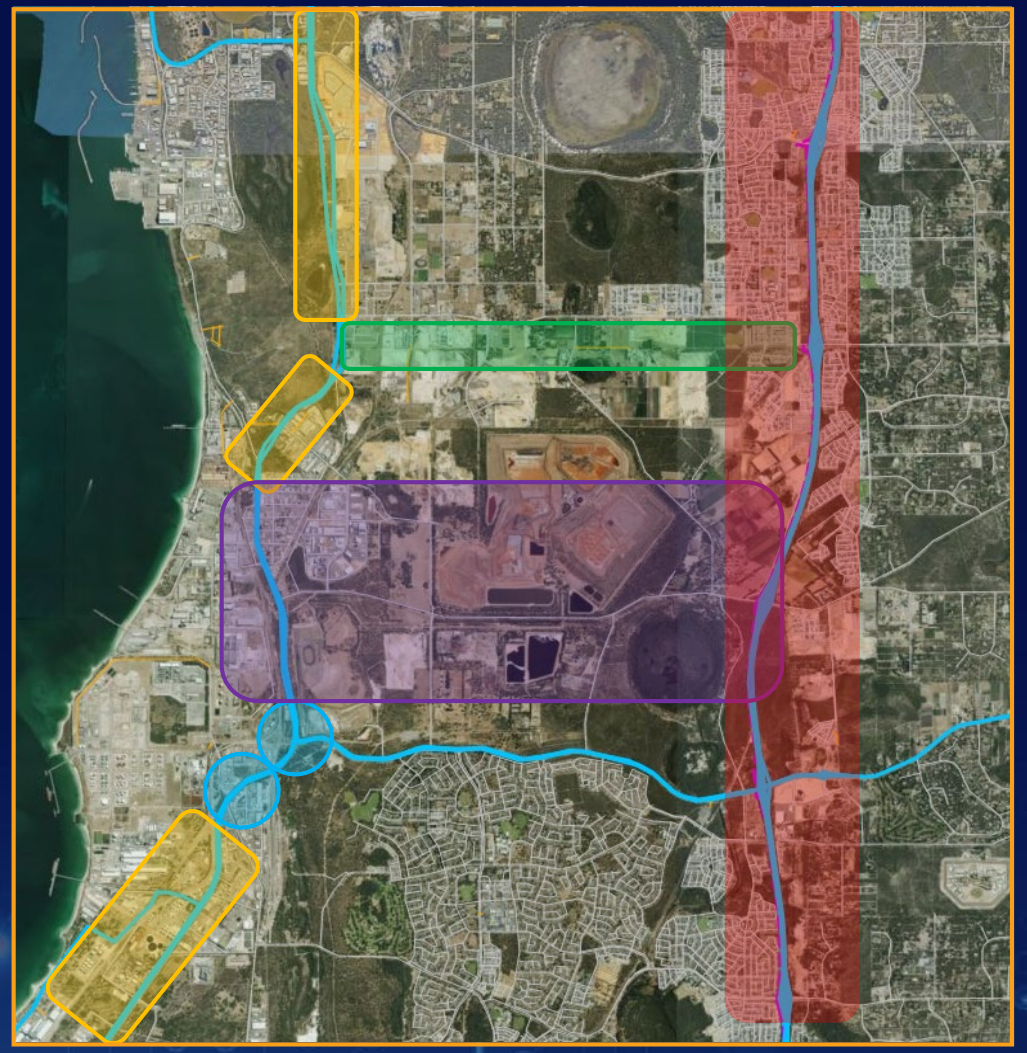
- Recognise the value of the ecosystem of 200+ SMEs supporting defence and non-defence projects
- Joint Cth/State Planning Function being established
  - Coordination across AMC CUF
  - Seek opportunities for collaboration and efficiencies
  - Coordinate transitional matters

# Proposed and Planned Road Upgrades

## Key road planning studies on WTC

Led by Main Roads WA:

- Stock Road – Rowley Road to Winterfold Road
- Rockingham Road – Rowley Road to Link Road (Northern extent of Westport IPT)
- Patterson Road – Mandurah Road/ Mason Road to Ennis Avenue
- Rowley Road – Rockingham Road to Kwinana Freeway
- Rockingham Road/ Mandurah Road/ Mason Road/ Patterson Road
- Thomas Road/ Rockingham Road
- Westport Investigation Area
- Kwinana Freeway Widening
  - Capital funding provided for delivery of Kwinana Freeway widening - $700m (State and Cwth). To commence 2027.
- Other important road upgrades
  - Duplication of Russell Road (east and west)
  - Realignment of Cockburn Road (Lake Coogee)
  - Latitude 32 North-South Distributor Road



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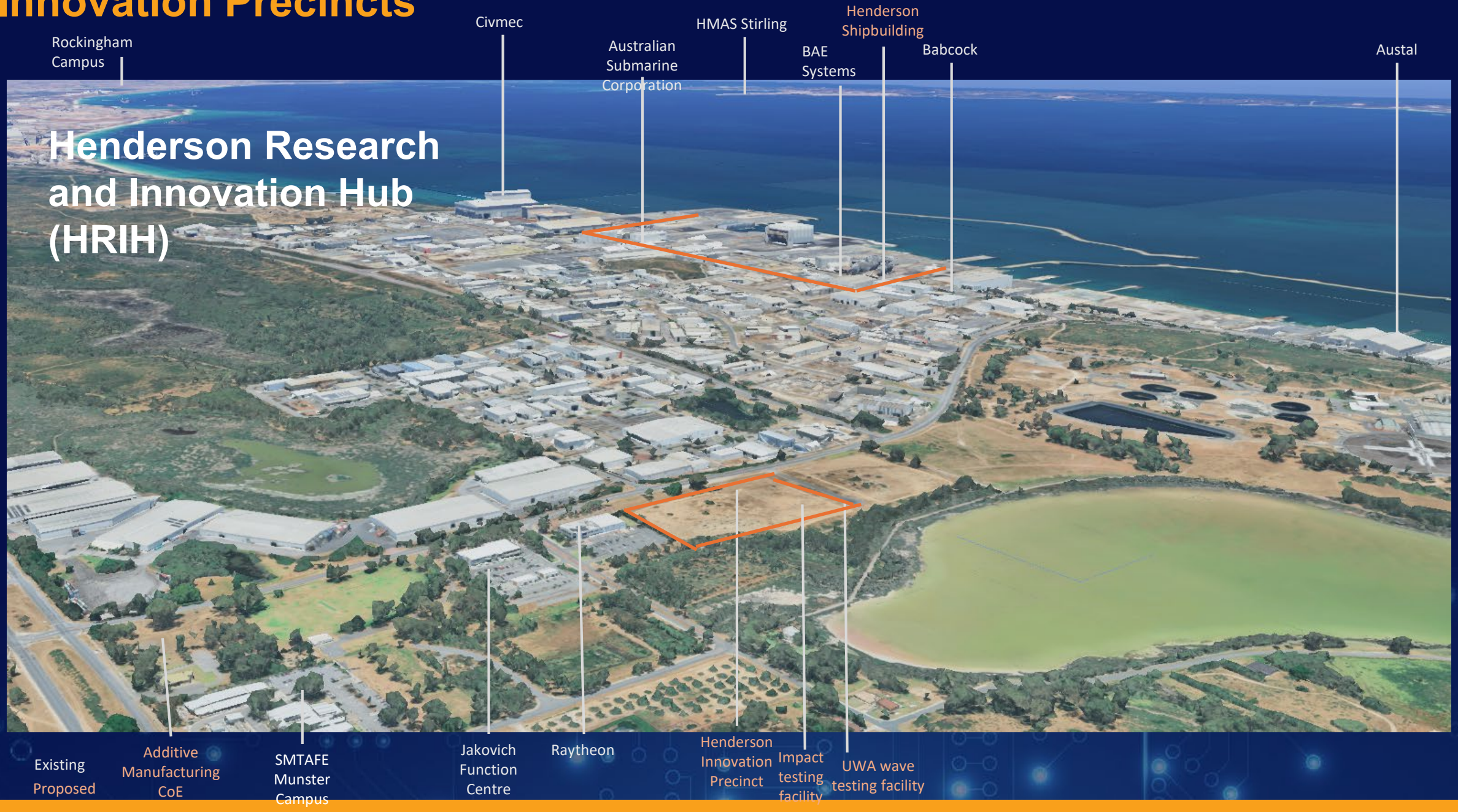

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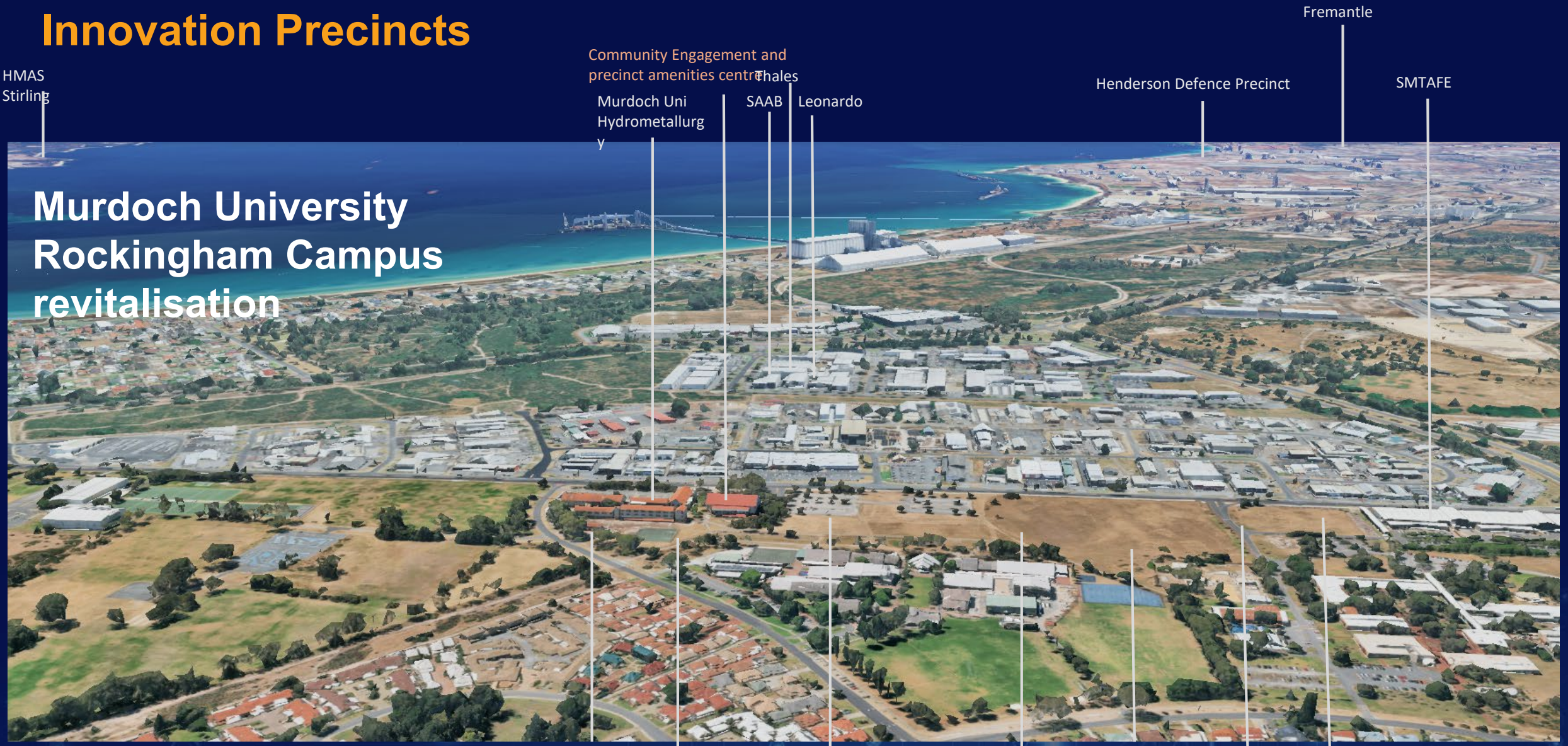
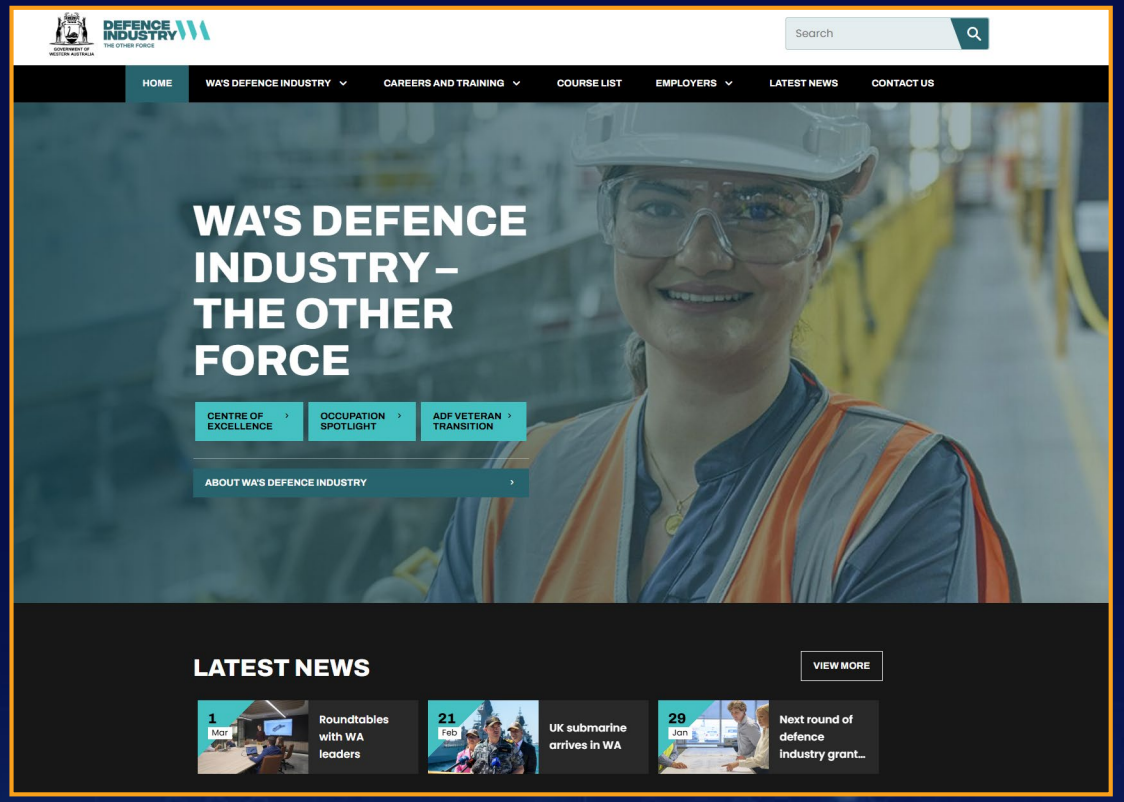


# Industry Employment and Training Schemes

- AUKUS Defence Industry Apprentice Incentive
- Defence Industry Existing Worker Incentive
- Defence Industry Internship and Scholarship Program
- Defence Industry Pathways Program
- Employer loading programs available for target groups:
  - People aged between 21-30 years of age
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
  - Apprentices and Trainees in regional areas
- Veterans Future support program



# SM TAFE – Munster Campus upgrades

- *Made in WA Plan* – $17.1m committed to SM TAFE's Munster training facilities
- DTWD – Leading project planning & building design
- *TAFE Modern Equipment Program* – $650k already delivered in specialised training equipment
  - 3D metal printer installation – creating components for shipbuilding, including in remote locations
  - Technology benefit utilised across several TAFE qualifications

# Q&A Session

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