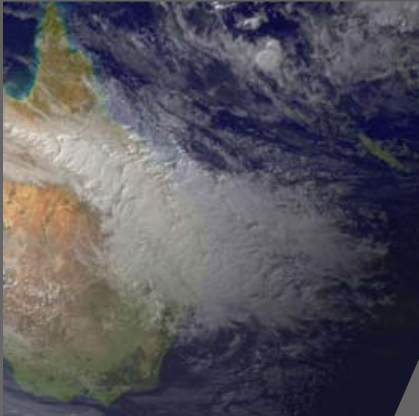




Space Industry Innovation Council

What is the role of the Space Industry Innovation Council?



Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, announced the establishment of the Space Industry Innovation Council, as part of the Government's response to the inquiry by the Senate Committee on Economics into the state of the Australian space science and industry sector on 19 November 2009.

The Space Industry Innovation Council, chaired by Dr Ros Dubs, is a mechanism for Government to engage with stakeholders to build a culture of innovation in Australia; to champion innovation in the space sector; and to build connections between the sector and government.



Key Priorities

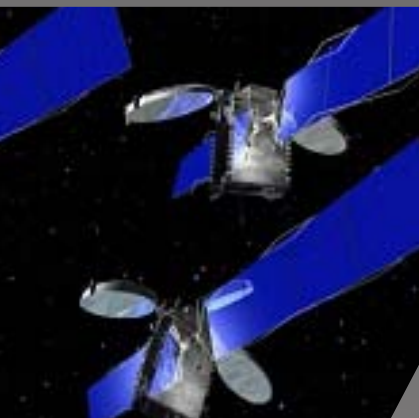
The Space Council will examine Australia's current civil space activities, risks and strategic priorities with a focus on:

- Earth observation
- Satellite communications
- Position, navigation and timing.

A key Space Council priority will be assisting to build a vision for the space sector. The Space Council will also assist in developing a business case that will communicate how the space sector benefits the Australian economy and enhances its social fabric.

The Space Council will also consider relevant implications such as space science and industry impacts arising from the Defence White Paper, and the National Security Science and Innovation Strategy.

The Space Council will provide advice to the Space Policy Unit and the Minister on the civil space sector and act as a liaison between the Government and the space community.



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The Initiative

The Space Council is one of a number of Industry Innovation Councils established by the Australian Government. The Councils will provide strategic advice on innovation priorities to Minister Carr, champion innovation in the space sector and build connections with other organisations, including the Enterprise Connect network.

More information on the Councils may be found at <http://www.innovation.gov.au/industryinnovationcouncils>

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