

Joint Statement on the Inaugural Australia - Singapore Senior Officials' Space Dialogue, 20 July 2026

- 1) On 8 October 2025, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Prime Minister Lawrence Wong signed a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) 2.0, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the CSP and 60 years of diplomatic relations between Australia and Singapore. Recognising the transformative potential of space technologies to support prosperity, security and connectivity, the Prime Ministers agreed to establish a regular Senior Officials' Space Dialogue to deepen bilateral space cooperation and strengthen collaboration between the Australian and Singaporean space sectors.
- 2) On 20 July 2026, Mr Enrico Palermo, Head of the Australian Space Agency, and Ms Ngiam Le Na, Chief Executive of the National Space Agency of Singapore (NSAS), co-chaired the inaugural Australia-Singapore Senior Officials' Space Dialogue on the margins of the Australian Space Forum in Adelaide, South Australia. Australian officials from Geoscience Australia, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Austrade also participated in the Space Dialogue.
- 3) Senior officials reaffirmed the strong bilateral relationship between the two countries, underpinned by friendship, mutual respect, and a mutual commitment to deliver shared economic and societal outcomes. It is recognised that the strong science, technology and innovation partnership between Australia and Singapore serves as a foundation to deepen space cooperation.
- 4) Senior officials exchanged views on national priorities, policy development and approaches to Earth observation and geospatial analytics, space situational awareness (SSA), space surveillance and tracking, launch and return activities, space ecosystem development and pro-business regulatory practices. They welcomed further exchanges as both countries advance their respective national space efforts.
- 5) Recognising the shared challenges posed by climate change, senior officials discussed opportunities for collaboration involving NSAS, CSIRO and Geoscience Australia in using Earth observation data and space-derived insights to support timely decision-making, climate resilience and various national use cases.
- 6) Senior officials discussed opportunities in microgravity research, expanding access to SSA data and analytical capabilities, and in contributing to the development of international rules, norms and best practice for the responsible use of outer space. They also expressed mutual interest in expanding commercial cooperation between companies and start-ups across Australia's and Singapore's maturing space sectors.
- 7) Senior officials acknowledged the importance of working together to strengthen multilateral cooperation and to elevate regional perspectives at international space discussions. They highlighted the value of engagement through the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Space (UNCOPUOS), the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF), the ASEAN Regional Forum on Peace and Security,

and meetings of the Artemis Accords. Senior officials agreed to continue coordinating on issues of mutual interest in these and other relevant international fora.

- 8) The inaugural Dialogue deepened both agencies' understanding of their respective space ecosystems, capabilities and priorities. Mr Palermo and Ms Ngiam welcomed the outcomes of the Dialogue and agreed both agencies continue discussions for enhanced bilateral space cooperation.

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