



# **Industry Research and Development (Space Literacy and Workforce Program) Instrument 2024**

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I, Ed Husic, Minister for Industry and Science, make the following instrument.

Dated: 4 July 2024

Ed Husic  
Minister for Industry and Science

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Industry Research and Development (Space Literacy and Workforce Program) Instrument 2024*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 33 of the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

## 4 Definitions

In this instrument:

*Act* means the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986*.

*program*: see subsection 5(1).

*space-related learning* includes disciplines relevant to space such as robotics, project management, artificial intelligence, quantum computing, meteorology, science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

## 5 Prescribed program

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 33(1) of the Act, the Space Literacy and Workforce Program (the *program*) is prescribed.
- (2) The program is a national initiative that advances space education, awareness and participation in Australia, including by funding:

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- (a) the operation, improvement and expansion of the Australian Space Discovery Centre, including by increasing its capacity to enable communities around Australia to engage with space;
  - (b) the promotion of space-related learning within the education sector, including the support of students in space-related competitions and programs;
  - (c) measures to support First Nations Australians to establish space-related careers;
  - (d) the promotion of awareness of space-related careers, including by promoting community understanding of space and the benefits of a space-related career;
  - (e) the provision of space-related science, technology, engineering, mathematics and related skill development opportunities, including opportunities in relation to the development of emerging skills, for persons pursuing, or who may pursue, space-related careers.

## **6 Specified legislative power**

For the purposes of subsection 33(3) of the Act, the powers of the Parliament to make laws with respect to the following are specified:

- (a) postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services (within the meaning of paragraph 51(v) of the Constitution);
- (b) astronomical and meteorological observations (within the meaning of paragraph 51(viii) of the Constitution);
- (c) the people of any race for whom it is deemed necessary to make special laws (within the meaning of paragraph 51(xxvi) of the Constitution);
- (d) external affairs (within the meaning of paragraph 51(xxix) of the Constitution);
- (e) enterprises and activities that are peculiarly adapted to the government of a nation and cannot otherwise be carried on for the benefit of the nation (see paragraph 51(xxxix) and section 61 of the Constitution).