

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

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

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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 | | |
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| 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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made.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:

(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:

1. postal, telegraphic, telephonic, and other like services (within the meaning of paragraph 51(v) of the Constitution);
2. astronomical and meteorological observations (within the meaning of paragraph 51(viii) of the Constitution);
3. 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);
4. external affairs (within the meaning of paragraph 51(xxix) of the Constitution);
5. 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).