

# Defence and Industrial Base Cooperation Amongst Allies

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Dr Simon Atyeo joined Defence in 2007 on the Materiel Graduate Scheme, and in 2008 was appointed as the Project Manager responsible for acquiring and introducing a range of new personnel parachutes for Army into service.

In 2011, Simon was appointed as the Project Manager for the new Operational Combat Uniform. Following the successful delivery of this project Simon was appointed the Deputy Director of the Clothing Systems Program Office (Clothing



SPO). In this role he supported the development of strategic procurement strategies for Defence Clothing in a politically sensitive environment, working with the three Service Headquarters, the Office of Minister Defence Materiel and Australian industry.

Following his time in Clothing SPO, Simon held significant Project Management roles including: managing the procurement of a new Soldier Combat Ensemble and the acquisition of the Hawkei Protected Mobility Vehicle.

In 2016, Simon was promoted to Program Director for Indirect Fire Systems. In this role Simon led and managed four major capital acquisition projects and the sustainment of the in-service fleet of artillery, mortars and associated battle management and targeting systems.

Following his time as Program Director, Simon lead the implementation of Defence's Commodity Reform Program which introduced a new business model to

simplify the procurement, delivery and management of Defence commodities; and he was also responsible for establishing and implementing new commercial arrangements for the engagement external workforce.

In October 2021, Simon was promoted to the Defence Senior Leadership Group and appointed into his current position as Assistant Secretary Materiel Procurement. In this role Simon leads a branch of approximately 160 people providing procurement and contracting advice and support to Defence's delivery organisations, including Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group (CASG), Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Group (NSSG), and the Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance Group (GWEOG).

Simon has a Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering and a doctorate of Philosophy from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University.

Simon is a father of two and resides in Melbourne.