



## DASA APPOINTED DEFENCE SPACE SAFETY REGULATOR

DASA wishes to advise that the Director General Defence Aviation Safety Authority has been appointed the Defence Space Safety Regulator as part of the Defence Space Safety Program under Military Command Support Provisions – 3 (MCS3).

The Defence Space Safety Program (DSSP) will regulate safety in the space domain, including the operation of space launch facilities and the launch, operation, and return of space objects. In pursuing these outcomes, the DSSP supports Defence's moral and legal obligation to ensure risks to the health and safety of Defence personnel and the general public arising from space activities are eliminated or otherwise minimised so far as is reasonably practicable. The program also recognises and supports Defence's compliance with statutory requirements and international space treaty obligations.

DASA's functions and accountabilities include promulgation of Defence Space Safety Regulation (DSSR) and related standards; the issuance of permits and licences for space activities that have shown compliance with the DSSR; oversight and enforcement to assure continued compliance with the DSSR; and the promotion of space safety through education, training, and dissemination of safety information. These functions will be progressively implemented, in consultation with the Defence space community, over the next two years.

In order to enact the DSSP, and if not already done so, Defence organisations involved in existing or future space activities are requested to contact DASA at: [dasa.dspace@defence.gov.au](mailto:dasa.dspace@defence.gov.au).

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