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Committee Secretary
State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee
Parliament House
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Submission to the SDNRAIDC

RE: Inquiry into job creation opportunities in Queensland arising from the establishment of an Australian space industry

Dear Committee Secretariat,

As the leading provider of launch services in Australia, Black Sky Aerospace (BSA) thanks you for your invitation to comment on the inquiry into job creation opportunities in Queensland arising from the establishment of an Australian space industry.

1. The Australian Government's establishment of an Australian Space Agency has been a positive and much needed step towards the future of Australia's involvement in a rapidly growing ecosystem.
2. The inquiry does not appear to address launch services. This is a critical element for the other identified space supply chain services to function. Some of BSA's services include launch vehicles, propulsion systems, telemetry and consultation to industry and government. BSA works collaboratively with strategic partners and customers to integrate, operate and deploy payloads and systems as identified in the inquiry.
3. BSA manufacturing is primarily in Queensland with all integration happening in Logan. BSA is pre-qualified for a DARPA (Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency, US DoD) program and has an agreement with Equatorial Launch Australia (ELA) to send and operate locally developed technology at the Arnhem Space Centre in the Northern Territory. It is anticipated these programs alone will promote growth of up to 30 or more staff over the next five years.
4. BSA operates the only commercial sub-orbital launch site in Australia which is located in regional Queensland. This site allows BSA to develop, test and operate systems and vehicles whilst boosting the economy in regional areas.



BSA is available to discuss further the above comments. BSA looks forward to working with the SDNRAIDC to ensure opportunities in Queensland are correctly identified and capitalised on.

Sincerely,



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