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# Space Industries Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith welcomes space start-ups in South Australia

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LAUNCH testing and space qualification missions are set to happen in South Australia, Space Industries Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith says.

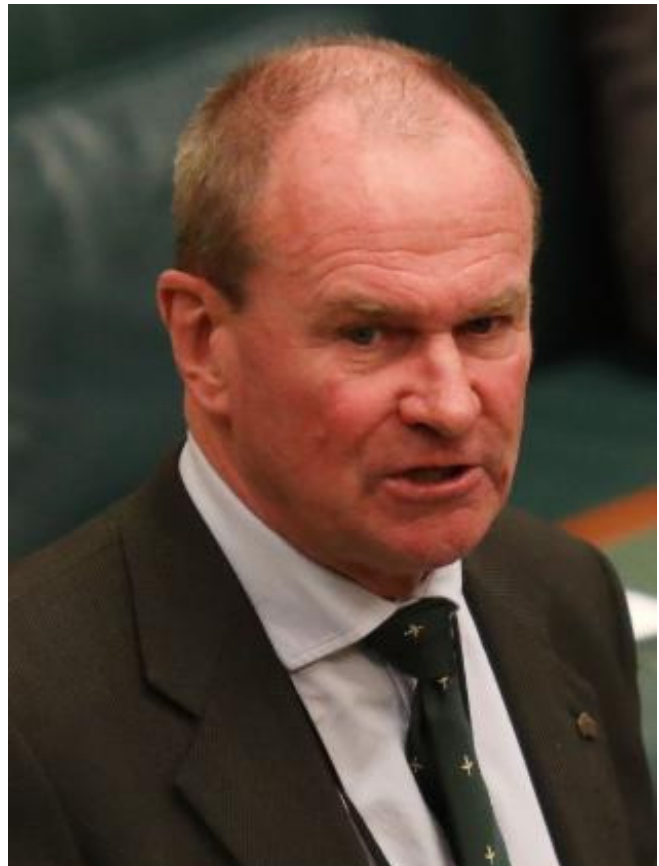
He has announced a partnership with start-up companies to establish facilities here for a range of space-related industries.

He said on Friday the SA Space Innovation Complex consortium will be a partnership between the State Government and private industry such as Fleet Space Technologies, who are developing nano-satellites.

Mr Hamilton-Smith said discussions were already underway with businesses who work with space launches, robotics and rocketry, to capitalise on this week's International Astronautical Congress.

“We are making sure we make the best use of that international exposure,” he said.

“SA has an existing and growing space industry with companies such as Fleet Space Technologies and Inovor Technologies who are leading local innovation. But we recognise there is scope for even more.”



 Space Industries Minister Martin Hamilton-Smith

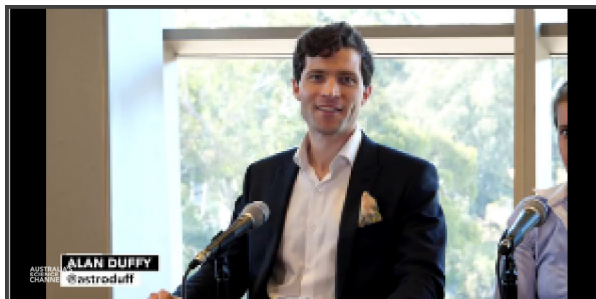


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Mr Hamilton-Smith outlined the plans at the IAC Gala Dinner.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull on Friday declared “the future is in SA” because of its defence and space industries.



The Federal Government this week announced a national space agency.

“People ask in Adelaide: ‘Where is the future?’,” Mr Turnbull told FiveAA.

“The future is in SA, literally.”

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