

DEFENCE



Hanwha
Defence Australia

AVALON AIRPORT EMPLOYMENT PRECINCT

Land systems manufacturing, sustainment and test/validation activity, with opportunities for suppliers across machining, electronics, materials and systems integration.

'Access to skilled people and support from the Victorian Government made the decision easy for us. Planning and approvals were collaborative and smooth when building our facility.'

—
Dean Michie, General Manager Corporate,
Hanwha Defence Australia

VALUE ADD

**\$269
MILLION**

(2023–24)

JOBS

2,119
(TOTAL, 2023–24)

EXPORTS

**\$247
MILLION**

(2023–24)

Encompasses defence; transport equipment manufacturing; and machinery & equipment manufacturing. Includes domestic and international exports. Source: NIEIR via economy.id/geelong

OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



National armoured-vehicle centre

Hanwha Defence Australia's manufacturing base at Avalon is producing the army's new vehicles, creating long-term work for local suppliers.



Gateways on the doorstep

Avalon Airport and the Port of Geelong are next door, with direct freeway and rail links into Melbourne, and provide access to international markets and international freight.



Room to expand next to the airport

Large-format sites with staged land releases; the City can help source suitable parcels and coordinate approvals.



Research and skills pipeline

Deakin University supports robotics, advanced manufacturing and materials. The Gordon delivers defence-aligned trades and technician training.



Active supplier base

Local firms such as Air Radiators, Marand, RAPP Australia, Chemring, Universal Motion Simulation and Winchester are already supporting defence programs.

Join existing businesses and organisations thriving in Geelong, including:



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