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HUNTER SHOWCASED AT INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE INDUSTRY EXPO

Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today congratulated the Hunter region's defence and manufacturing industry for its combined presence at this week's *Pacific International Maritime Expo* in Sydney.

Visiting the *Team Hunter* stand at the Expo today, Ms Grierson said this week would be an invaluable opportunity to promote the region as a leader in the defence and manufacturing industry sectors.

"These industries are vitally important in maintaining the skills base and future growth of our region, and I congratulate them for their collaborative approach to raising the Hunter's profile," Ms Grierson said.

"All week, representatives of our region will be interfacing with other industry players, governments and the defence forces."

"With major shipbuilding contracts coming up, including the Amphibious Ship and Air Warfare Destroyer projects, now is an excellent time to showcase our region's capabilities."

"*Team Hunter* highlights the diversity and quality of our defence and manufacturing industries, and our capability to participate in major projects such as these."

"I would like to congratulate the Defence Industry Committee of the Hunter Business Chamber, HunterNet, and all the companies and representative groups which are attending the Expo and supporting the *Team Hunter* concept."

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