

## Aircraft structural integrity in Australia

### Our plan for change

By reinforcing partnerships with Government and industry, and improving commercial and business development capabilities, QinetiQ Australia is focusing on longer-term, strategic support style contracts with the Australian Government.

To operate effectively, Australia's military aviation depends on impartial airworthiness advice and an assurance of the structural integrity of fixed and rotary wing aircraft. To ensure continued access to world-leading Aircraft Structural Integrity (ASI) capabilities, the Australia Defence Force (ADF) has extended its successful long-term partnership with QinetiQ Australia. QinetiQ already employs the largest concentration of ASI engineers in Australia and delivered more than 3,500 tasks focused on safer operations, enhanced capability and lower cost of ownership.

### A unique capability

"We've been a single channel for ASI expertise for 15 years, and look forward to further strengthening what the Australian Department of Defence describes as a priority industry capability," says Greg Barsby, MD, QinetiQ Australia. "It's important this highly specialised capability doesn't get fragmented – and no other provider comes close to matching our resources and know-how." He says this work "is critical



to delivering safe, cost-effective and capable outcomes to the current and future fleet. This contract is about maintaining the capability and assuring safety."

### Value for money

The long-term performance-based contract will enable even greater collaborative working between the ADF, QinetiQ and Defence Science and Technology (DST) Group, keeping Australian military aviation at the forefront of ASI management. The flexible contractual arrangements are designed around the needs of the customer, with any Australian Defence agency able to access QinetiQ expertise directly.

Greg Barsby adds, "We hold a unique status: QinetiQ is the ADF's only commercial Authorised Engineering Organisation in ASI for all military aircraft types. Under the latest Defence Aviation Safety Regulations, we'll be able to deliver certified designs across all ASI platforms. We always strive to offer our customers more while delivering measurable value for money."