

**Date:** Monday, 10 Feb 2025

## SPACE CENTRE AUSTRALIA TO HOLD COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SESSION IN WEIPA ON 20 FEBRUARY

Weipa, QLD – Space Centre Australia (SCA) will host a community consultation session at the Albatross Bay Resort conference room from 6:30pm on Thursday, 20 February. The session will provide updates on:

- SCA's proposed launch centre near RAAF Scherger and Billys Lagoon,
- Planned air and marine traffic monitoring radar operations—including the first air traffic radar near Weipa Airport—on behalf of German sensor technology and defence company HENSOLDT,
- Opportunities for long-term economic diversification throughout the Western Cape region.

James Palmer, Chief Executive Officer of SCA, says the consultation aims to engage directly with local stakeholders:

*“Our key goals are to gain a better understanding of the challenges the community faces with land tenure and to explore future investment opportunities in critical infrastructure development. We believe this project will be a catalyst for economic growth, while supporting normalisation for the Western Cape region.”*

Mr Palmer also emphasized SCA's plans for a more permanent presence in Weipa by the end of 2025, pending a successful capital-raising exercise currently underway in the United States. He noted that smaller launch operations and radar services could begin in late 2028 or early 2029, with larger launches potentially commencing in the early 2030s.

All community members are encouraged to attend the session to learn more, ask questions, and share feedback on the project. Our CEO will be on-hand to provide detailed information and discuss potential benefits for Weipa and the broader Cape York region.

### Event Details

**What:** Space Centre Australia Community Consultation Session

**When:** Thursday, 20 February 2025

**Time:** From 6:30pm

**Where:** Albatross Bay Resort, Conference Room, Weipa

**To register, visit:** [www.trybooking.com/CYWJXMedia](http://www.trybooking.com/CYWJXMedia) or scan the QR Code.

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