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SPACE CENTRE AUSTRALIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025 WESTERN CAPE FUTURES SYMPOSIUM

Weipa, Queensland – Space Centre Australia is excited to announce its participation in the **Western Cape Futures Symposium**, to be held in Weipa on 7-8 May 2025. The symposium, which will feature a keynote address by Former Prime Minister and SCA Chairman **Hon. Scott Morrison** serves as a pivotal platform to discuss Cape York’s growing strategic importance in Australia’s Space, Defence and other industries.

Located in close proximity to the equator, Cape York offers unique advantages for satellite launches, as well as research, development, and testing of defence and aerospace technologies. Space Centre Australia is committed to working with government, industry, and local communities to capitalise on these opportunities and bolster Australia’s space capabilities.

Mr. Morrison, Chairman of Space Centre Australia said: *“In the years ahead the Western Cape will play a new and important role in the economic future of Far North Queensland, this will be achieved by developing a shared vision for the Cape’s future. The Space Sector will be an important part of that future, providing a new foundation for the livelihoods of generations of Australians who will call the Western Cape home.”*

Key Benefits of Cape York for Australia’s Space & Defence Industries

- **Geographic Advantage:** Cape York’s equatorial proximity allows for more efficient satellite launches and mission profiles.
- **Research & Development:** The remote environment provides safe and secure sites for testing advanced aerospace and defence technologies.
- **Economic & Community Growth:** Building local space and defence infrastructure creates skilled jobs, educational pathways, and boosts economic prosperity for regional communities.

“We are honoured to be part of the 2025 Western Cape Futures Symposium,” said James Palmer, CEO at Space Centre Australia. *“Cape York holds immense potential for advancing our nation’s sovereignty in space and defence. The region’s natural advantages—along with its skilled local communities—position Australia to become a global leader in this sector. We look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders to help drive innovation, create jobs, and support sustainable growth for the Western Cape region.”*

Space Centre Australia's involvement in the 2025 Western Cape Futures Symposium underlines the company's commitment to fostering strategic, long-term partnerships that will strengthen Australia's presence on the global stage. Additional details about Space Centre Australia's participation and program contributions will be shared closer to the event.

You can register to attend or exhibit at: <https://www.westerncapechamber.com.au/symposium>

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