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Dear Colleagues,

I write to formally advise you of Army's decision to postpone the conduct of a Land Environment Working Group (LEWG) until second quarter, 2021. This decision has been informed by ongoing COVID-19 restrictions which limit physical attendance, and feedback received from some elements of Industry on the relative value of virtual engagements.

In the interim, I am pleased to inform you that the Chief of Army has released Edition Two of Army's Contribution to Defence Strategy (ACDS), available online at www.army.gov.au. ACDS Edition Two aims to create a shared understanding of how Army contributes to the Australian Defence Force and to Australia's national security. ACDS is informed by the Defence Strategic Update and Force Structure Plan 2020 and will help guide Army concepts, workforce and training to generate greater capacity and capability.

Army is also developing an Industry Statement for public release prior to the rescheduled LEWG. The Industry Statement seeks to inform and clarify roles and responsibilities, as well as methods of engagement between Industry and Army. The 2021 LEWG then offers the opportunity for feedback on Army's Industry Statement, and collective discussion on how we might realise its intent.

I commend ACDS to you, and look forward to the release of Army's Industry Statement. Army is working toward a Land Environment Working Group in the second quarter of 2021, optimised within the COVID-19 protocols at that time. If you have any questions, my team can be contacted by email at lewg.correspondence@defence.gov.au.

I hope you will be able to join us at the LEWG in 2021.

Yours sincerely,



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