

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2020-2021 **Director, Cabinet, Department of Defence** **Canberra, Australia**

- Lead the establishment of a new quality and training function for Defence's Cabinet submissions.
- Produced new educational and awareness outputs for the Department on Cabinet matters.
- Developed the section through innovative business analysis, proposals and the development of strong section cohesion and positive culture.
- Led the section to support the Secretary, CDF and Minister through the coordination of NSC/NISC briefing packs including talking points and Cabinet Submissions.
- Managed human resource issues during extremely volatile work tempos.

2018-2020 **Acting Director, Behaviors, Economics and Influence, Defence Intelligence Organisation**  
**Adviser Assistant Defence Minister/Minister for International Development and the Pacific**  
**Assistant Director, SEAP Defence Intelligence Organisation** **Canberra, Australia**

- Provided policy and intelligence advice to The Hon Alex Hawke MP on secondment from the Department.
- Led and managed an intelligence team coordinating a priority intelligence effort for Defence in support of a government directed New Policy Proposal.
- Managed competing customer priorities, team administration - including budgets and personnel issues on a daily basis.
- Triaged multiple competing requirements and directed production output against extremely tight timelines.
- Developed innovative and new outputs for the organisation and Defence to including providing regular briefings to the Defence Senior Command Group, including the Secretary of Defence, Head of the Office of the Pacific at DFAT as well as high-level Allied representatives.
- Led international working groups on complex analytical issues that led to new partnerships for the organisation.

2017-2018 **Assistant Director, Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation** **Canberra, Australia**

- Led and managed an intelligence section covering Australia's near region.
- Managed competing customer priorities, team administration - including budgets and personnel issues on a daily basis.
- Triaged multiple competing requirements and directed production output.
- Developed an outreach program to other government agencies and collection areas with a focus on geospatial intelligence.

Jan 2017-Jul 2017 **Liaison Officer, Defence Intelligence Organisation** **Kabul, Afghanistan**

- Supported Defence and Whole of Government interests in within a NATO operation during a time of war.
- Embedded in a US element.
- Provided complex written and oral briefs to senior Diplomatic and Defence staff on rapidly developing strategic and crisis situations.
- Produced regular formal reports for senior Defence operational and policy staff on strategic dynamics.

2016 **Team Leader, Defence Intelligence Organisation** **Canberra, Australia**

- Led and coordinated Defence's strategic economic intelligence team to support key decision makers.
- Managed competing customer priorities, team administration - including budgets and personnel issues on a daily basis.
- Developed an outreach program to other government agencies and collection areas with a focus on economic intelligence.
- Established and coordinated a contracted research project with RAND.
- Contributed to the organisation's subject matter expertise in Advanced Analytics and Open Source projects.

2015 **Attorney General's Department**

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## Curriculum Vitae

- 2013-2015      **Senior Analyst / Acting J2, ADF Counter IED Task Force**      **Canberra, Australia**
- Led and coordinated Defence's IED related intelligence to support key decision makers.
  - Managed the CIED TF J2 cell's personnel and budget.
  - Represented Defence at a number of key international engagements in South East Asia and with the Allied community.
  - Led key initiatives for Defence's whole of government 'attack the network' contribution with Allied nations.
  - Provided expert advice on global threat systems including; localised insurgencies, terrorist networks and other violent extremist organisations to strategic and operations customers.
  - Implemented new Defence Science and Technology Group supported research initiatives and a new target knowledge database for the CIED TF.
  - Deployed twice as a trainer/facilitator with the Australian Federal Police to the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation and regularly presented at Defence and Australian Intelligence Community new starters course on analytical methodologies and interpreting multiple information streams.
- Aug 2010-Mar 2011 **Signals Operator, Special Operation Task Group (XIV)**      **Afghanistan**
- Deployed as a Commando Signaler with responsibilities of providing communications support to platoons and headquarters.
  - Operated with a Special Operation Liaison team embedded with other Australian and Allied units in stressful and austere environments often with limited support during a time of war.
- 2009 – 2013      **Senior Analyst, Defence Intelligence Organisation**      **Canberra, Australia**
- Provided strategic intelligence assessment on the Middle East with a focus on terrorist organisations, insurgent groups and regional geopolitical trajectories.
  - Key engagements included regular briefings for Chief of Defence, Commander Joint Operations, Special Operations Command and other government agencies as well as briefing the National Security Committee on one occasion.
  - Developed key relationships with Allied partners and enhanced collaboration on multiple areas of shared interest.
- 2007 – 2008      **Analyst, Defence Signals Directorate**      **Canberra, Australia**
- Completed the year-long graduate 'Altitude program' with rotations in Support to Military Operation (Iraq and Afghanistan), Counter Intelligence and as the DSD Liaison Officer to the Counter IED Task Force.
  - Responsibilities included rapid analysis of threat networks for operational and strategic customers, developing analytical methodologies and providing subject matter expertise on human networks in support of deployed forces.

### EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS

2012	Individual Graduate Course – Introduction to International Law, ANU	Canberra, Australia
2011	Individual Graduate Course – Terrorism and Counterterrorism (United States National Intelligence University, Graded at 94%)	London, United Kingdom
2009	Individual Graduate Course – Gulf Strategic Studies, ANU	Canberra, Australia
2006	Masters Counter Terrorism Studies, Monash University	Melbourne, Australia

### AWARDS

- As a civilian awarded; Individual Defence Silver Level Citation (2015), DIO Director's Commendation (Middle East team; 2011), Australia Day Medallion (for work in Counter IED; 2009), DSD Central Bureau Award (Iraq team; 2007). Civilian Operational Service Medal – Greater Middle East Operations (2017), the NATO Afghanistan Medal (2017) and a National Intelligence Community team award (2020).
- As an Army Reservist awarded; Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO ISAF Medal, Defence Service Medal, Army Combat Badge, Returned from Active Service Badge and the Meritorious Unit Citation (SOTG XIV).

### REFEREES

*Provided on request*

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