



MINISTER FOR DEFENCE
THE HON JOEL FITZGIBBON MP

Mr Ian Honnery
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Dear Mr Honnery

Thank you for your letter of 29 April 2008 inviting my support for the 2009 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition to be held at Avalon, Victoria, from 10-15 March 2009.

This show will be a major event for Defence and for the Royal Australian Air Force and I am pleased to provide my support.

The Defence Exposition will provide opportunities for Australian and international defence industries to display their capabilities to both the local and international communities and is an excellent opportunity for interaction between the representatives of the Australian and visiting international defence forces.

I find it fitting that the theme for this show is the 40th anniversary of man first landing on the moon, particularly as the world is now so dependent upon, and enjoys, the capabilities that space brings to us.

As an international event of regional significance, I commend the 2009 Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition to exhibitors, participants and visitors.

I am pleased to have been of assistance to you in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joel Fitzgibbon', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

JOEL FITZGIBBON

