

Boeing secures \$280 million Super Hornet, Growler contract extension

BRISBANE, Australia, March 4, 2020 - Boeing's Air Combat Electronic Attack Sustainment Program (ACEASP) has secured a four-year \$280 million sustainment contract extension until 2025.

The Air Combat Electronic Attack Sustainment Contract sees Boeing leverage both local industry expertise and Original Equipment Manufacturer capabilities from The Boeing Company to provide sustainment services for the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) fleet of F/A-18F Super Hornets and EA-18G Growlers.

Through the ACEASP, Boeing provides logistics, maintenance, engineering and operational and capability upgrade management services to the RAAF.

Boeing's ACEASP program manager Chris Gray said the contract extension means Boeing can continue to have "a significant impact on Australia's defence capabilities" – and strengthen the company's ability to build Australian industry capability.

"We thank Defence for granting us this important contract extension which enables us to continue our critical sustainment services for the RAAF's fleet of F/A-18F Super Hornets and EA-18G Growlers," Gray said.

"Boeing's role as platform steward gives us the opportunity to come to work and make a vital difference to Australia's airpower capability."

The RAAF has 24 F/A-18F Super Hornets and 11 EA-18G Growlers operated out of RAAF Base Amberley. The aircraft are tied in with the US Navy spiral development program, ensuring the platforms keep their capability edge.