

# Army Aviation Command

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## Australian Army Aviation

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- Strategic Context
- Organisational Structure and Disposition
- Program Campaign plan
- Discussion





# National Defence Strategy and the Integrated Investment Program 2024



## PRIORITY GUIDANCE

Army will have the capability to hold potential adversary forces at risk, control key strategic land positions, maintain persistent forward partnerships and protect and sustain deployed forces within Australia's primary area of military interest:

- Enhance targeting and long range strike to provide greater capacity, at longer ranges, deterring through denial
- Optimise and enhance Army for impactful projection and sustainment of deployed forces
- An integrated and amphibious-capable Combined Arms Land System, able to rapidly deploy into the near-region's Littoral Environment
- Enhanced Integrated Air and Missile Defence capability
- Theatre logistics system capable of expeditionary support
- A theatre-wide C2 framework that enables the Integrated Force

## CAPABILITY

- Organisation of specialised combat and support brigades, a new dedicated fires brigade and littoral manoeuvre group
- Accelerated and expanded littoral manoeuvre and land based long range fires
- Ongoing investment in combined arms land system
- Increased investment in IAMD and Counter UAS
- Accelerated delivery of new rotary wing capability
- Expand UAS fleet and explore utility of RAS and uncrewed ground vehicles

## INVESTMENT

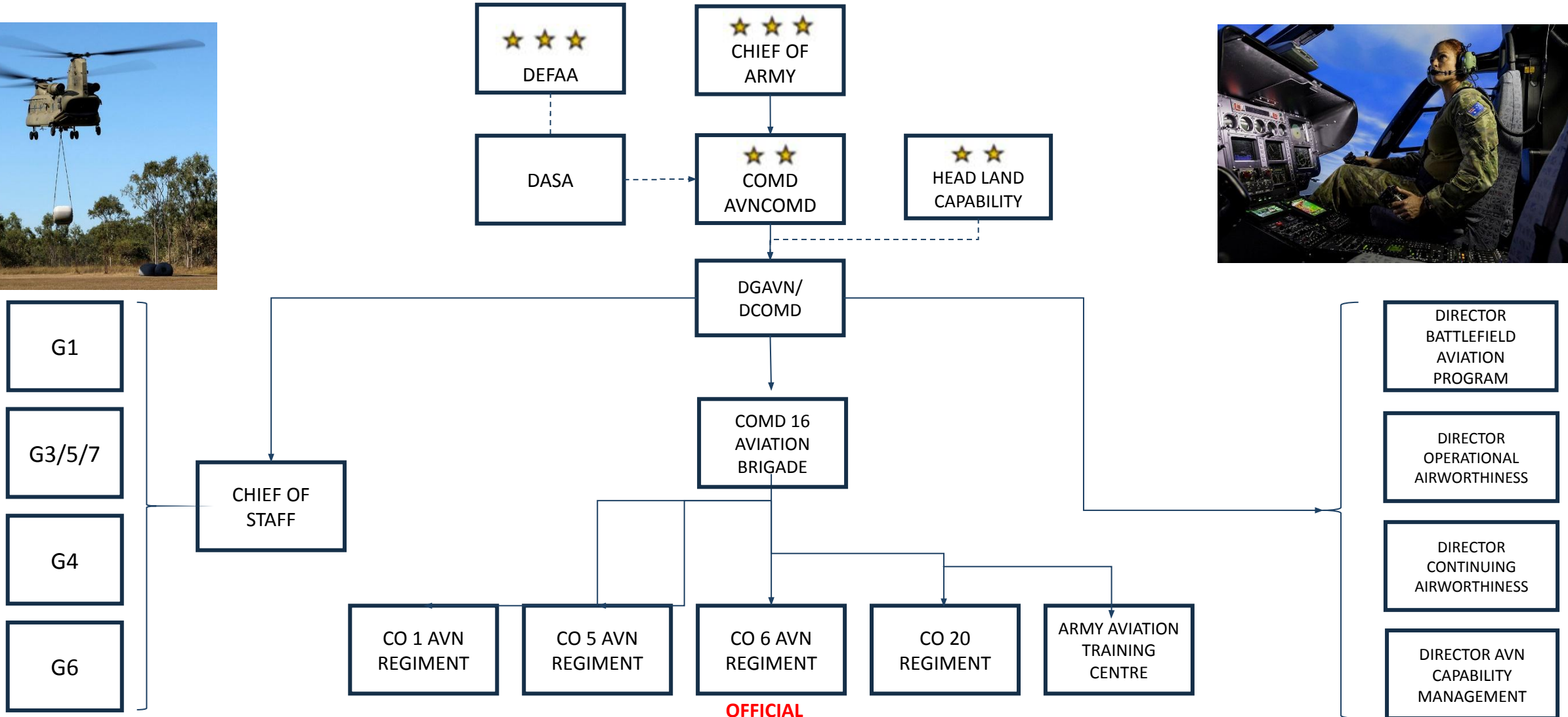
- Army has re-prioritised investment in:
- Targeting and Long Range Strike – HIMARS and PrSM
  - Amphibious capable combined-arms land systems
    - Littoral Manoeuvre Vessels
    - Combined-arms land systems – MBT, IFV, CRV, SPH
    - Battlefield Aviation – Black hawk, Apache, Chinook
  - Missile Defence
  - Theatre logistics
  - Enhanced and resilient northern bases (SEG & JCG)
  - Theatre command and control





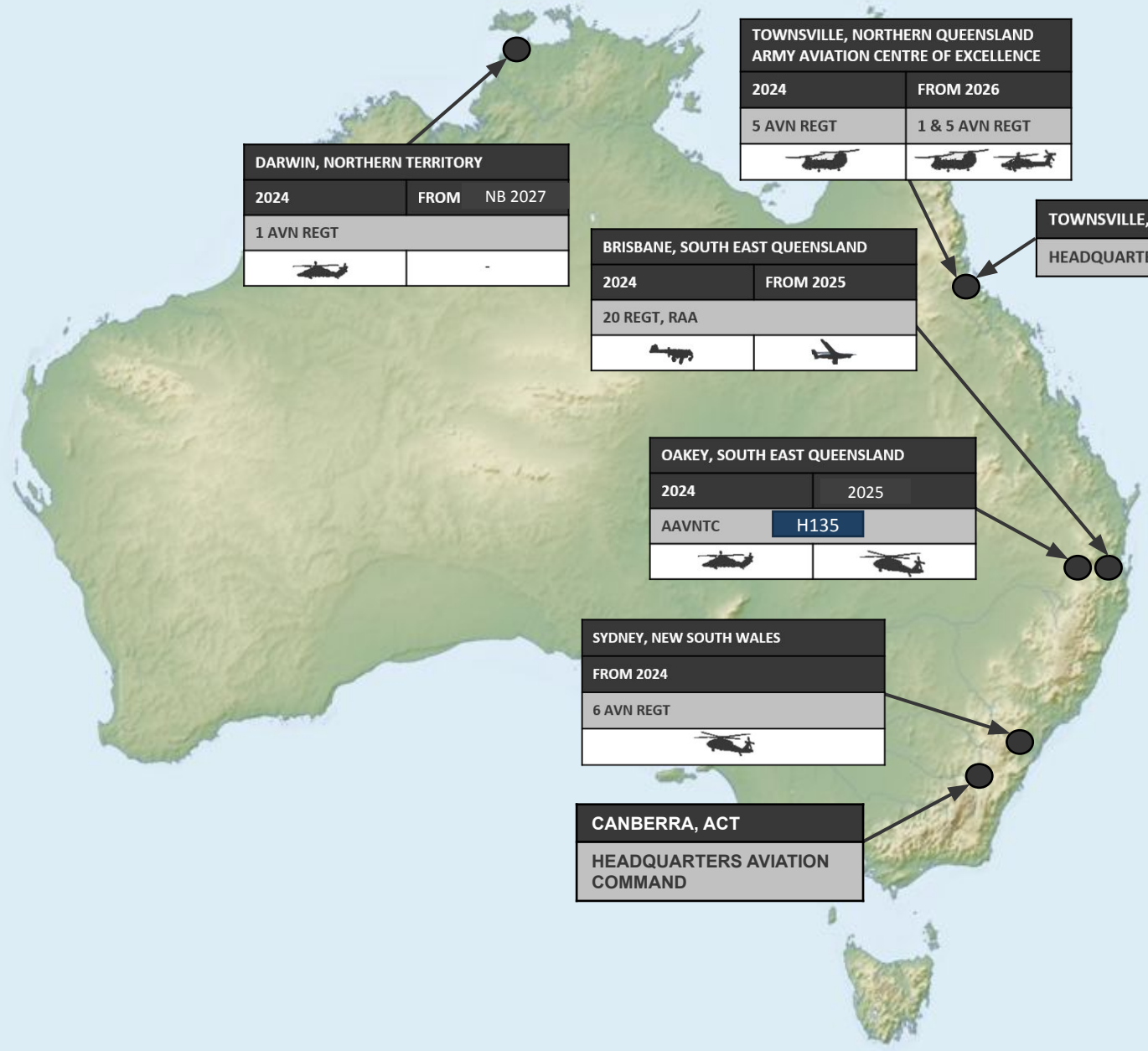
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# Disposition

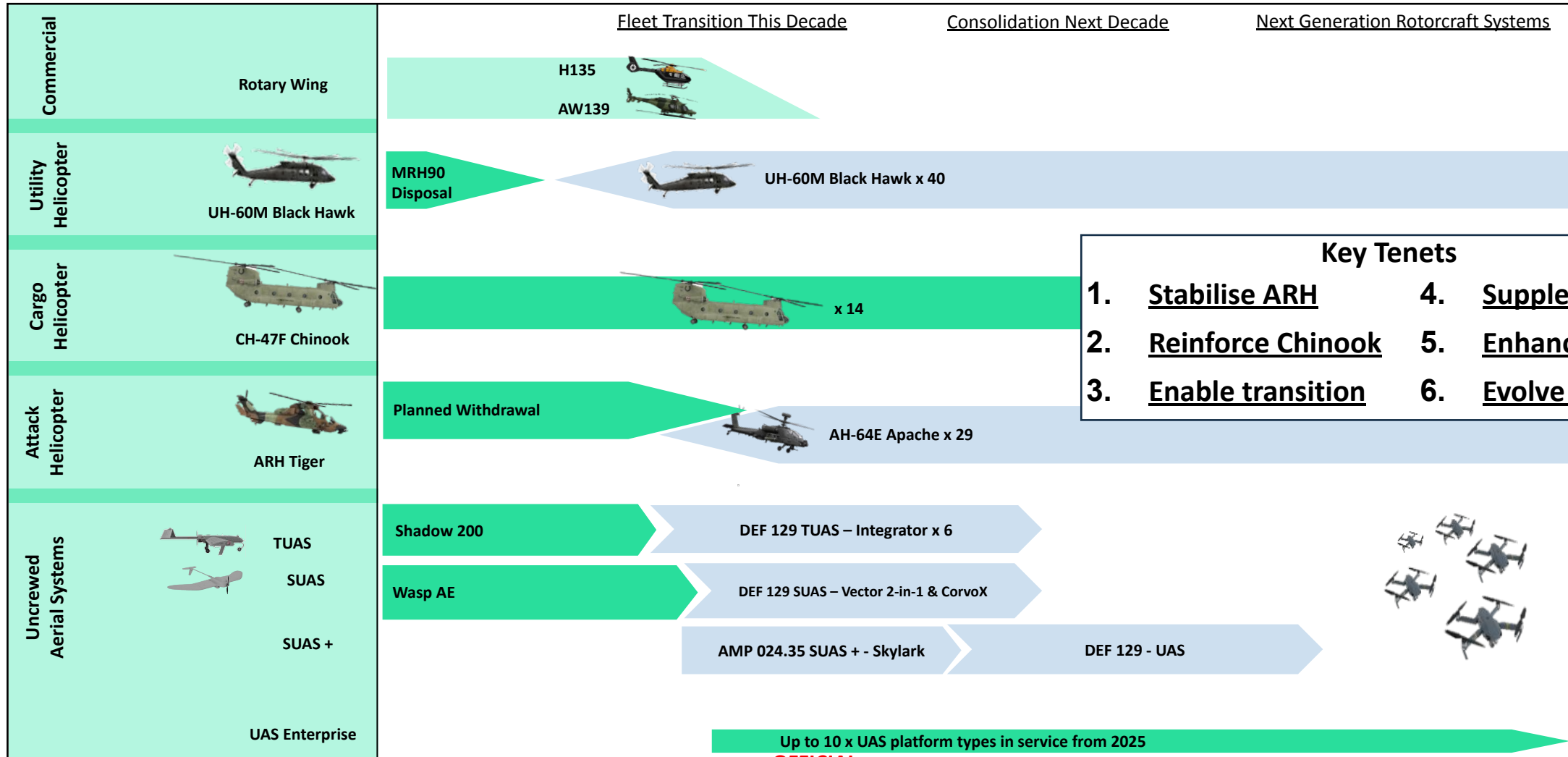
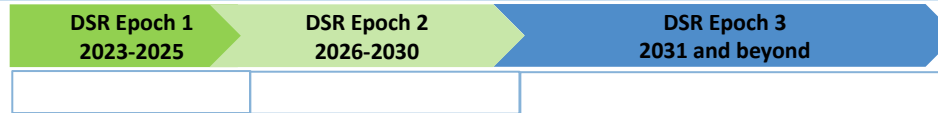


- Australian Army Aviation Disposition – mature, 2028**
- 1 AVN REGT**
    - Located in Townsville, QLD
    - Two operational troops
  - 5 AVN REGT**
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    - Three operational troops
  - 6 AVN REGT**
    - Two operational squadrons of UH-60M Black Hawks
  - 20 REGT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY**
    - Fully transitioned from the Shadow 200 to the RQ-21 Integrator
    - Three operational Batteries
  - AAVNTC – ARMY AVIATION TRAINING CENTRE**
    - B Squadron from 5 AVN REGT





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- ### Key Tenets
1. Stabilise ARH
  2. Reinforce Chinook
  3. Enable transition
  4. Supplementation
  5. Enhance disposition
  6. Evolve UAS



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# Questions

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