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The Australian Industry & Defence Network (AIDN) is extremely disappointed to receive the resignation of its Victorian chapter today. “AIDN Victoria’s decision to withdraw from our network increases the number of voices purporting to represent the defence industry. This is at a time when the Government is seeking to hear one defence industry voice,” said National President, Rob Forbes.

AIDN National has been working hard to establish a single voice on behalf of all SMEs. It will continue its efforts to improve its structure to provide that national voice and continue to work with various representative bodies and state and federal government organisations to ensure that we too are adapting to provide true collaboration to build the necessary capacity of our industrial base and provide the capability to the Defence Forces.

AIDN reaffirms that its focus will remain to be the representative of a large number of SME suppliers in support of the Australian Defence and Security Forces. The success in providing this representation is reflected in a growing national membership base and its continued advocacy and support for the SME community.

As part of its national role, AIDN will now focus on ensuring that Victorian SMEs can be represented nationally and receive the benefits of the new range of products and services that provide value for all AIDN members wherever situated. “AIDN will strive to ensure that SMEs Australia-wide can be valued partners in developing a national approach for the defence industry,” concluded Mr Forbes.

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