



EarlyBirds to Present Dual-Use Technology Insights at Indo Pacific 2025

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EarlyBirds announced that Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer Jeff Penrose will deliver a featured presentation at Indo Pacific 2025 in Sydney, addressing the critical role of dual-use technology in strengthening AUKUS Pillar One capabilities. The presentation, scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, from 13:30 to 13:50 in the Nova Systems Theatre at ICC Sydney, will explore how modern data-driven innovation systems can help AUKUS partners identify, evaluate, and operationalize technologies that serve both civilian and defense applications.

The session forms part of the official Indo Pacific 2025 Hub Program and comes at a pivotal time as allied nations seek to accelerate capability development through enhanced industrial collaboration. Penrose will examine how innovation intelligence frameworks support the discovery and integration of dual-use technologies across defense and national security missions, addressing challenges in navigating the vast global landscape of emerging technologies.

Dual-use technologies have emerged as essential components in building resilient supply chains and sovereign capability across the AUKUS partnership. From artificial intelligence and quantum computing to

robotics and advanced materials, these adaptable technologies enable faster innovation cycles and cost-sharing between sectors while maintaining operational superiority. The presentation will highlight how structured innovation ecosystems can transform technology discovery into operational advantage.

"Dual-use technology has become the connective tissue between national security and economic resilience," said Mr Kris Poria, Co-Founder of EarlyBirds. "The challenge facing AUKUS partners is not a lack of innovation but rather the discovery, evaluation, and execution of relevant technologies. Through systematic approaches to innovation intelligence, we can help defense and government agencies find the most relevant solutions from millions of global innovators and accelerate their path to operational deployment."

Penrose brings extensive experience bridging public and private sectors, having worked in Australian Federal Government law enforcement combating transnational crime before transitioning to the private sector. His background spans global IT startups, multinational technology companies, and consulting firms, providing unique insights into the intersection of innovation and national security.

The presentation will reference recent developments including the Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2023, which strengthens compliance and oversight for emerging and dual-use technologies. Penrose will also showcase practical applications, such as the US Navy's NavalX Grand Challenge, which demonstrated how civilian technologies like machine learning algorithms can deliver mission-ready outcomes in defense contexts.

EarlyBirds operates a proprietary innovation intelligence platform that continuously scans and evaluates global technologies across six million innovators, 28 million products, and 14 years of industry investment data. The system integrates multiple tools for deep discovery, problem-solving, and domain-level monitoring, helping organizations navigate complex datasets to identify relevant innovations. More information about EarlyBirds and its innovation ecosystem can be found at <https://earlybirds.io>.

The company has received recognition as Global Open Innovation Platform of the Year from the Global 100 Awards three times, reflecting its leadership in accelerating innovation outcomes across government and enterprise sectors. Operating from the United States, United Kingdom, and Australia, EarlyBirds serves defense and national security agencies, energy and infrastructure leaders, and Fortune 500 companies worldwide.

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