## <u>News story: Accelerator webinar:</u> <u>autonomous last mile resupply</u>

A webinar for this Defence and Security Accelerator competition will be held on 30 May 2017.

The <u>competition</u> is seeking new technologies, processes and ways of working to improve the way we deliver mission-critical supplies, focusing on the challenging 'last mile' resupply in the land environment.

It involves delivering combat supplies from the forward-most location to personnel engaged in combat operations. Although relatively small in distance, these resupply activities are challenging as they are in an environment that is typically hostile, complex and contested. These activities need to quickly and efficiently deliver vital supplies in order to enable successful mission outcomes.

The challenges of this Accelerator competition are to develop and demonstrate:

- Challenge 1: unmanned air and ground load carrying platforms
- Challenge 2: technologies and systems to allow load carrying platforms to operate autonomously
- Challenge 3: technologies to autonomously predict, plan, track and optimise resupply demands from military users

Phase 1 proposals must be <u>submitted online via the Accelerator submission</u> <u>service</u> and received no later than 12 noon on 21 June 2017.