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 **SABRN** Joins the [Cicada Innovations](#) Defence Elevate Program! 

We are proud to share that [SABRN](#) recently participated in the [Cicada Innovations](#) Defence Elevate program — a powerful initiative designed to help Australian deep tech innovators align their technologies with the needs of the defence sector.

The experience began with the Foundations for Elevate course, followed by an incredible two-day in-person workshop hosted at [Cicada Innovations](#) in Sydney from April 8–9, 2025. This hands-on workshop was an invaluable opportunity to refine our value proposition, validate our market approach, and gain meaningful insights into how our dual-use non-lethal technology can support both commercial and defence applications.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the outstanding team at [Cicada Innovations](#) for curating such an impactful program and making this journey one to remember.

A special thanks goes to the brilliant presenters and facilitators:

[Alex Shapilsky](#)

[Scott Russell](#)

[Sian Priest](#)

And to the behind-the-scenes powerhouse team who brought it all together:

[Hela Zargouni](#)

[Naomi Tyc](#)

[Nicki Kachornvitaya](#)

We are also incredibly grateful to the expert guest speakers for their insights and time:

[Archie Judd](#) (Investment Team, Salus Ventures)

[Allan Aaron](#) (Defence Industry Advisor, ODIS)

[Oleg Vornik](#) (CEO, DroneShield)

[Glen Little](#) (Defence Expert)

Thank you all for your generous contributions, your wisdom, and your support for Australian innovation. We're excited for what lies ahead!

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