Minister for Defence Materiel Jason Clare and Member for Canberra Gai Brodtmann visited CEA Technologies in Canberra to congratulate Adrian Thearle for winning the Australian Industry and Defence Network ACT Young Achiever Award.

“I would like to congratulate Adrian for winning the ACT Young Achiever Award. The award recognises the outstanding contribution he has made to the Defence Industry,” Mr Clare said.

“Adrian has worked on leading edge radar technology for the Anti-Ship Missile Defence for the Australian Navy.

“The phased array radar system allows our ANZAC Class Frigates to find and track targets.

“This award is a testament to Adrian’s ability and the support of CEA technologies which has seen him rise from a junior engineer to the Principal Hardware Engineer for the Anti-Ship Missile Defence project in only six years.

“The phased array radar system was designed in Australia with Australian expertise. That gives young people like Adrian the opportunity to build their skills and experience which is good news for the Australian Defence industry.”

Member for Canberra Gai Brodtmann congratulated CEA for its commitment to supporting and encouraging young people in the Defence Industry.

“CEA has won this award two years in a row. This demonstrates its strong commitment to developing and promoting talent within their company,” Ms Brodtmann said.

“Last year’s winner was Tom Green, a Radio Frequency and Systems engineer, also from CEA Technologies.”

Adrian Thearle attended the University of Canberra, where he earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering, graduating with First Class Honours. He started working for CEA in February 2005.

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