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ANSTO and the National Robotics & Automation Group form exciting new partnership, growing ANSTO's Precinct for innovation in Sydney's south.

The National Robotics and Automation Group (NRAG) has been established as a collaboration of leading Southern Sydney based industrial automation, robotics and technology companies. The NRAG will partner with ANSTO to develop robotic and automated systems for the use in nuclear and similar industry environments.

The goal of the NRAG is to provide innovative solutions for ANSTO which could have global market appeal within the nuclear industry and also enable Australian industries to evolve through the development of Australia's robotics and automotive capabilities.

NRAG's will seek to combine the significant industry knowledge of its member companies with ANSTO's globally recognised nuclear science and technology expertise and significant research capabilities located on the Lucas Heights campus. NRAG will become a valued partner in ANSTO's growing innovation activities in the Sutherland Shire.

NRAG is a part of the Southern Strength Agile Manufacturing Network, which is a not-for-profit promoting the capabilities of the Manufacturing Sector and was established jointly with ShireBiz.

The NRAG includes Australis Engineering, Britton Maritime, Chess Industries, Breseight Engineering, Jar-aerospace, Yokogawa and the University of Wollongong.

ANSTO's Chief Engineer, Con Lyras said, "This is an exciting new partnership that will bring together the expertise of some of Sydney's leading industrial robotics and automotive technology companies with Shire Biz, Southern Strength and ANSTO to develop new solutions and systems for use in a wide range of industry sectors, including the global nuclear industry.

"The sky really is the limit, this type of collaboration could also lead to advancements in systems for space exploration, for example, as we have a nandin member currently working in this area.

NRAG members have already begun meeting and are working with ANSTO to identify projects to assist in automating present and future facilities.

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ANSTO is the home of Australia's most significant landmark and national infrastructure for research. Thousands of scientists from industry and academia benefit from gaining access to state-of-the-art instruments every year.