



BELL EXPANDS AFTERMARKET OFFERINGS IN ASIA PACIFIC WITH NEW HYDRAULIC CAPABILITIES AT AUSTRALIAN FACILITY

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Bell Textron expanded its component, repair, and overhaul facility in Australia to include hydraulic component maintenance and repair. This marks a major milestone as Bell's first facility in the Asia-Pacific region to offer specialized hydraulic services, reinforcing the company's commitment to comprehensive aftermarket support across Australia and the broader APAC region. The Clontarf, Brisbane facility has grown from a 50m² workshop to an 800m² standalone site. As part of this expansion, Bell has invested in enhanced non-destructive testing capabilities, including a new NDT room three times larger than the original, and has increased the number of qualified technicians to meet growing demand.

The upgraded CRO shop now offers a full suite of hydraulic services, including inspection, testing, repair, and overhaul of individual components and assemblies for Bell aircraft. These improvements are designed to reduce operator downtime, lower costs, and provide tailored support that meets customers' operational and budgetary needs. Collectively, these enhancements have contributed to a 50% increase in Bell's component capability over the past 12 months.

Dean Ashton, general manager, Bell Textron Australia commented: "This expansion reflects a major investment in our operations and a clear, long-term commitment to the Australian rotary

wing market. By upgrading our facilities, introducing new services, and growing our team through workforce and talent development, we are strengthening our ability to provide reliable, responsive, and locally driven support for operators across Australia and the wider Asia-Pacific region. These enhancements are part of our broader vision to build a comprehensive aftermarket support ecosystem that meets the evolving needs of our customers today and well into the future.”

To further support customers, Bell Australia has a dedicated CRO logistics team focused on streamlining freight forwarding for faster turnaround times and improving spares management to strengthen demand forecasting and optimize inventory. The expansion has also created new job opportunities. Over the last 18 months, the CRO shop has doubled its staff to support current growth and future demand. Bell Australia has an apprenticeship program and has increased investment in factory training for technicians, building a strong pipeline of skilled talent and maintaining rigorous quality standards.

The facility holds certifications from CASA 145, FAA, and TCCA, underscoring compliance with global aviation standards. Bell Australia’s hydraulic services currently cover the overhaul and repair of hydraulic servos for the Bell 205, Bell 206, Bell 212, Bell 407, and Bell 412. Integrated servo and valve assemblies are also available for the Bell 212 and Bell 412, with further capability expansions planned.

Globally, Bell operates 12 company-owned service centers offering aircraft maintenance, blade repairs, and customizations across Australia, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Singapore, and the United States. This is further supported by a network of more than 50 authorized service centers worldwide, ensuring operators have access to reliable support wherever they fly.

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