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REECE HOMFRAY

ONE of the most decorated and respected men in South Australian football, Bob Hammond, has died at the age of 78.

He will be remembered for his contribution as a player, coach and administrator.

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Safe haven for biotech

DANIEL WILLS

SOUTH Australia's world-leading position in stopping the spread of coronavirus has the state now targeted as a safe haven for international medical research and trials.

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SPACE JOBS RACE

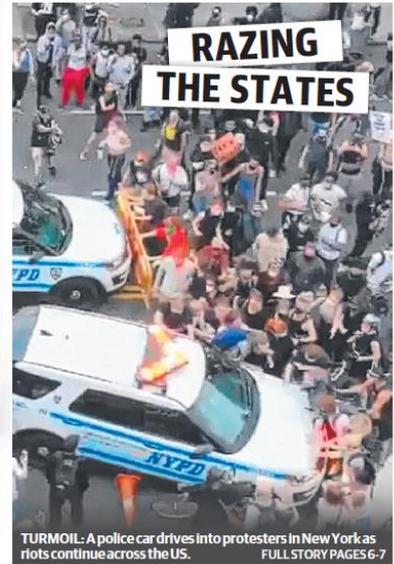
More than \$2 billion in the pipeline as states battle it out to launch stellar projects

CLAIRE BICKERS

AUSTRALIA's fledgling space sector has gained a whopping \$2 billion of investment, with almost a third going to SA.

But the state is in a race with NSW, Victoria and other countries to secure even more work.

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TURMOIL: A police car drives into protesters in New York as riots continue across the US. FULL STORY PAGES 6-7

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SA in box seat for space industry jobs boom

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As South Australia positions itself as the space jobs capital of the country, industry is crying out for Australian businesses to be preferred ahead of international companies for major contracts to stop money and jobs going overseas, particularly in the wake of coronavirus.

It comes as America reignites its own space program, with NASA and Elon Musk's SpaceX successfully sending US astronauts into space for the first time in almost a decade on Saturday.

Eighty-eight space projects are in the pipeline across Aus-

tralia, up from 71 in December, according to the Australian Space Agency.

Total government and private sector investment has ramped up in the past five months. There is now more than \$2 billion worth of space projects underway or in the pipeline across the country, up from \$1.6 billion in December.

According to Space Agency figures, SA is on track to secure about a third of that total investment.

However, it only attracts about 9 per cent of investment from private space companies, with the bulk of that work going to NSW and Victoria.

Adelaide-based Inovor Technologies chief executive Dr Matthew Tetlow said for the local industry to grow, governments should preference Australian contractors first when allocating money for big space or defence contracts.

His is building satellites for the Defence Department and CSIRO.

"Investment is important but I think the thing we really need to look at ... is where the Government spends their money," Dr Tetlow said. "In the US they release tenders all the time and say 'US company only'. In Australia, it's completely open slather."

Premier Steven Marshall said space would continue to be a priority after coronavirus, with the industry tipped to create 20,000 jobs across Australia by 2030.

"There is a new importance placed on national resilience and sovereign capability since the COVID-19 crisis, which offers opportunities for home-grown innovation," he said.

"The space sector is one area that can certainly play a role in this."

Australian Space Agency boss Dr Megan Clark said SA had a "significant portion of the capital pipeline" and would attract more through key pro-

jects such as Lot Fourteen. SA also has the Whaler's Way rocket launch site, 35 minutes drive from Port Lincoln, and the state's universities are heavily involved in the SmartSAT CRC research and development project.

State Labor leader Peter Malinauskas said more collaboration with SA universities would help the sector to grow. Sital, Tyvak and Leonardo are among the international companies who have or are planning to establish a base in South Australia.

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