

## Executive Biography



**Mike Prior**  
Director, Operations  
Boeing Defence Australia

Mike Prior was appointed director of Operations at Boeing Defence Australia (BDA) in May 2024. In this role, Prior has broad responsibilities including providing strategic advice to the executive team and managing day-to-day operations and administration of the BDA business.

Before taking on this role, Prior was director of Product Support, Training and Maintenance (PST&M) for almost three years and responsible for more than 1,000 BDA personnel. PST&M provides a range of direct services to BDA programs including managing and delivering the approach to the integration of capability services to enable a complete delivery solution to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and other foreign customers.

Prior first joined BDA in May 2019 as a Sustainment Services Capability manager. In this role, he was responsible for managing employees, processes and tools to integrate elements of sustainment capabilities into complete services offerings to Boeing customers.

Before joining Boeing, Prior was Program Project director at Milskil for Classic Hornet, Super Hornet and Growler Training Services between 2013 and 2019.

Prior started his professional career in 1985 as a F/A-18 fighter pilot and fighter combat instructor with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF).

After leaving the RAAF in 2000, Prior worked as a consultant with Booz & Company until 2003 as a subject matter expert for defence future aviation projects. He then worked in commercial and corporate law between 2003 and 2013 being promoted from a lawyer, to director level and then to Practice Group leader. Between 2004 and 2013, Prior also served as a guest lecturer at Bond University in Business and Contract Law.

He is a graduate of the Royal Australian Air Force where he trained as a Fighter Combat Instructor and completed a Bachelor of Laws - LLB (1st Class Hons) at Bond University in 2003. Prior is certified in Project Management, he is a qualified Commercial Pilot and highly experienced in corporate coaching and speaking.

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