



AW139S TO SUPPORT QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT'S HELICOPTER FLEET MODERNIZATION PROGRAMME

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- Order signed for two AW139s that will enter service by December 2018
- The aircraft will add to three AW139s already in service performing EMS/SAR missions
- Over 1000 AW139s have been ordered by more than 250 customers in nearly 70 countries to date

Leonardo announced that the Government of **Queensland in Australia** has placed an order for **two additional [AgustaWestland AW139](#)** intermediate twin engine helicopters. The aircrafts are expected to enter into service by December 2018 performing emergency medical services and search and rescue missions over land and sea. The **AW139s** will replace two older helicopter models as part of a fleet modernization programme and reduce maintenance costs.

With world leading **capability, performance, ride quality and cabin space**, the **AW139** has been chosen for its ability to meet the Queensland Government's operational requirements. These helicopters will add to three **AW139s** already in service with the Queensland Government, further

strengthening the State's air rescue capabilities and leveraging efficiencies in support, maintenance and training. The new aircraft **will be operated by Queensland Government Air (QGAir)**, a division of the Queensland Government's Public Safety Business Agency and will be based in Townsville. The aircraft will also serve across all of North Queensland and will be subject to fleet rotation between North and South when needed, in order to ensure the optimum coverage for the State's community.

This latest order further **reinforces** the presence of **Leonardo in the Australian market** with **more than 120 helicopters** of various models ordered to date for both commercial, public utility and military roles. In the last few years the **AW139** has proven to be the most successful EMS helicopter in **Australia with 30 already in service** with various customers.

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