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As Head of the Department of Aerospace Engineering at RMIT University (Australia's leading Aerospace department), Professor Jennifer Palmer leads a team of 25 staff and 85 research students specialising in aerospace engineering and aviation. Her current research is focussed on aerial autonomous systems, particularly teaming and swarming operations, along with the design and trialling of novel air vehicles. Jennifer has more than 20 years' experience in industry, government, and academia and was previously Technology Program Director at the Trusted Autonomous Systems CRC.

Jennifer's background includes a PhD on combusting supersonic/hypersonic flows at Stanford University; and she spent 15 years at the Australian Defence Science and Technology Group, where her focus was on hybrid power for small uncrewed aircraft, flapping flight, and autonomous systems for complex and contested urban environments, along with defence - oriented innovation. She is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.