Land

- Throughout its history, Australia’s land forces have responded to a wide variety of tasks from humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, to peacekeeping and, ultimately, to combat operations.
- To equip the land forces to meet these challenges into the future, new investments are being made in strike weapons, watercraft, helicopters, information effects, logistics resilience and emerging robotics and autonomous systems.
- These capabilities will increase the land force’s combat power, and give the Government more options to deploy the Australian Defence Force in the more competitive strategic environment Australia now faces.

**CAPABILITY INVESTMENT – APPROXIMATELY $55 BILLION TO 2030**

**Land Combat Vehicles**
Australia will continue to procure the Boxer combat reconnaissance vehicle, invest in an infantry fighting vehicle and upgrade the Abrams main battle tank.

**Land Combat Support**
New investment in enhanced artillery and strike capabilities, including Self-Propelled Howitzer Protected Mobile Fires, and new anti-armour systems such as a directed energy weapon system and smart anti-tank mines.

**Land Combat Mobility**
Continued investment in the Hawkei protected mobility vehicle fleet, large landing craft and new investment in a watercraft base in Northern Australia, and a fleet, up to a brigade in size, of un-crewed ground vehicles.

**Battlefield Aviation**
New investment in a squadron of long-range rotorcraft to enable land force projection and support at greater ranges.

**Dismounted Systems**
Continued investment in equipment including small arms, night vision equipment and ballistic protection.

**Special Operations**
New investment in small submersible and surface boat capabilities, and a replacement fleet of medium/heavy vehicles.

**Land Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Electronic Warfare**
Continued investment in Army’s Information Warfare capabilities and the development of a next generation counter un-crewed aerial system.

**Land Command, Control, Communications, Computers (C4)**
Continued investment in battle-management systems and deployable computer networks with new investment in satellite communication terminals.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY**

The acquisition contract for 211 Boxer Combat Reconnaissance Vehicles involves an Australian Industry Capability commitment of $1.3 billion and further significant opportunities are expected in future phases.