



## **Australian Government**

### **Defence Strategic Review**

#### **Glossary of Terms**

##### **The 2020 Defence Strategic Update**

The 2020 Defence Strategic Update sets out the challenges in Australia's strategic environment and their implications for Defence planning. It provides a framework to ensure Australia is able – and is understood as willing – to deploy military power to shape our environment, deter actions against our interests and, when required, respond with military force.

##### **Defence Strategic Review**

To address the challenges set out in the 2020 Defence Strategic Update, the Government commissioned this comprehensive review of the Australian Defence Force's posture, preparedness, and structure – including the priority of investment in Defence's capabilities – to optimise our ability to meet the nation's security challenges over the decade and beyond.

##### **Capability**

The power to achieve a desired operational effect in a nominated environment within a specified time and to sustain that effect for a designated period. In a military context, capability is achieved by developing a force structure appropriately prepared for a range of military operations.

##### **Defence's Integrated Investment Program**

The expenditure plan covering activities and projects that have been approved for inclusion in the program by Government.

##### **Force Posture**

Encompasses where the Australian Defence Force's units, facilities, and support elements are located, the capabilities (equipment and the force structure) that can be deployed at short notice, the quality of training facilities and bases, the ability of our personnel to sustain high-tempo operations and our connectedness with partners, allies and industry to achieve intended objectives during war and peace. This includes the estate and infrastructure elements of the Defence Integrated Investment Plan.

##### **Force Structure**

Relates to the size, shape and composition of military capabilities.

### **Fundamental Inputs to Capability**

The inputs that enable the effective and ongoing generation of Defence capabilities. The nine fundamental inputs to capability are: organisation, command and management, personnel, collective training, major systems, facilities and training areas, supplies, support and industry.

### **Mobilisation**

The process of moving from the prepared state for a range of contingencies to being ready to execute a specific operation.

### **Preparedness**

The sustainable capacity to apply capabilities to accomplish Government-directed tasks. It describes the combined outcome of readiness and sustainability.