



Australian Government

ENHANCED LETHALITY SURFACE COMBATANT FLEET

INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF NAVY'S
SURFACE COMBATANT FLEET

SOVEREIGN WORKFORCE

Australia's shipbuilding and defence industry is of national importance. Over the next decade, at least 3,700 Australian direct jobs will be supported to deliver Navy's future surface combatant fleet.

The blueprint for the Royal Australian Navy's enhanced lethality surface combatant fleet supports continuous naval shipbuilding and provides a clear pipeline of work over the next few decades, giving certainty for businesses and workers in the shipbuilding and defence industry.

The Albanese Government is committed to supporting a skilled workforce with long-term job security, creating opportunities for local industry and boosting local economies.

SA

- This investment will sustain at least 2,000 jobs and create at least 500 jobs in SA over the next decade
- South Australia is the industry hub for the Hunter class frigate and the Hobart class destroyer
- Construction of the Hunter class frigates to commence at Osborne shipyard in 2024
- Continuous pipeline of work for decades to come

WA

- This investment will create at least 1,200 new jobs in WA over the next decade
- Western Australia will be the industry hub for the new general purpose frigate
- WA will be the future hub of the Large Optionally Crewed Surface Vessels

- Regional Maintenance Centres around Australia will support and sustain the enhanced lethality surface combatant fleet while on operations