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ENHANCED LETHALITY SURFACE COMBATANT FLEET

INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF NAVY'S SURFACE COMBATANT FLEET

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia will be the primary location for designing, building and sustaining vessels for the Australian Defence Force that include:

- **Anzac class frigates**
- **New general purpose frigates**
- **Large Optionally Crewed Surface Vessels**
- **Evolved Cape Class Patrol Boats**
- **Army Landing Craft**

The Henderson precinct in Western Australia is an asset of national importance and vital to the build and sustainment of vessels for the Australian Defence Force.

A sovereign and enduring naval shipbuilding and sustainment industry at Henderson is central to the Government's commitment to ensuring continuous naval shipbuilding and sustainment in Australia.

Consolidation of the Henderson precinct is currently underway, as recommended by the DSR. Successful and timely consolidation will enable eight new general purpose frigates to be built at the Henderson precinct, and will also enable a pathway to build six new Large Optionally Crewed Surface Vessels in Western Australia.

Along with the sustainment of the Anzac class frigates, this plan will create at least 1,200 new local jobs in the state over the next decade.

This workforce will complement the building of the Army Landing Craft in the consolidated Henderson Naval Precinct.

The Commonwealth and Western Australian governments are working together to build the capability and capacity of Western Australia's shipbuilding and defence industry.

- WA industry hub for the new general purpose Frigate
- Clear pipeline of work for WA shipbuilding and defence industry
- Continuous naval shipbuilding over multiple decades
- Create at least 1,200 new local jobs over the next decade
- Opportunities for WA local industry and businesses

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