Australian Government

ENHANCED LETHALITY SURFACE COMBATANT FLEET

INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF NAVY'S SURFACE COMBATANT FLEET

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY

The Government will invest an additional $11.1 billion in Defence over the next decade to build and sustain a larger and more lethal fleet of vessels for the Australian Defence Force.

This investment underpins the Government's commitment to, and delivery of, continuous naval shipbuilding in South Australia and Western Australia and supports more than 3,700 direct jobs over the next decade.

The blueprint for the Royal Australian Navy's enhanced lethality surface combatant fleet provides Australia's defence industry with certainty for decades to come. The Albanese Government is providing a clear pipeline of work and setting the productivity conditions for job creation, technology investment, export opportunities, supply chain resilience, infrastructure enhancement and economic prosperity.

The construction of the Hunter class frigates will occur at the Osborne shipyard in South Australia, sustaining at least 2,000 industry jobs and creating at least 500 jobs over the next decade.

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.

Six Anzac class frigates will be upgraded with enhanced maritime strike capabilities. Defence will work with industry partners to redeploy the Anzac class sustainment workforce across the Henderson precinct to deliver the Government's vision for Australia's enhanced lethality surface combatant fleet, creating at least 1,200 new jobs in Western Australia over the next decade.

- ✓ Delivering on the Albanese Government's commitment to continuous naval shipbuilding in South Australia and Western Australia
- ✓ Clear pipeline of work for Australia's defence industry
- ✓ Supporting more than 3,700 direct industry jobs over the next decade

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