



Australian Government

Defence

2024 NATIONAL DEFENCE STRATEGY



The 2024 National Defence Strategy (NDS) details the Government's approach to address Australia's most significant strategic risks based on the concept of *National Defence*.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

A coordinated, whole-of-government and whole-of-nation approach that harnesses all arms of Australia's national power to defend Australia and advance our interests. It complements broader initiatives aimed at achieving:

- ▶ Integrated statecraft
- ▶ National resilience
- ▶ Industry resilience
- ▶ Supply chain resilience
- ▶ Innovation, science and technology
- ▶ A workforce and skills base
- ▶ A robust National Intelligence Community

AN INTEGRATED, FOCUSED FORCE

National Defence means the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will shift to an integrated, focused force. To achieve this, the Government is investing \$330 billion in defence capabilities over the decade to 2033-34 to deliver:



A larger and more lethal **Navy**



An **Army** optimised for littoral operations



A highly capable **Air Force**



Strengthened **cyber** capabilities



Integrated **space** capabilities

STRATEGY OF DENIAL

The new cornerstone of Defence planning that is designed to deter a potential adversary from taking actions that would be inimical to Australia's interests and regional stability. The Strategy of Denial involves changing a potential adversary's belief that it could achieve its ambitions with military force at an acceptable cost.

The Strategy of Denial involves working with the US and key partners to ensure no country attempts to achieve its regional objectives through military action. By signalling a credible ability to hold potential adversary forces at risk, the strategy also seeks to deter attempts to coerce Australia through force.



AN HISTORIC FUNDING BOOST

The Government has injected an additional \$50.3 billion over the decade to 2033-34 to uplift Defence's capabilities and deliver the NDS. This includes:

- ▶ an \$11.1 billion funding boost over the decade to 2033-34 to accelerate the delivery of Navy's surface combatant fleet and expand Australia's shipbuilding industry
- ▶ a \$1 billion funding boost over the next four years to accelerate investments in the targeting enterprise, long-range fires, theatre logistics, fuel resilience and robotic and autonomous systems
- ▶ supplementary funding of \$38.2 billion over the decade to 2033-34 to deliver the rebuilt Integrated Investment Program

THE ADF'S FIVE TASKS

1. Defend Australia and our immediate region
2. Deter through denial any potential adversary's attempt to project power against Australia through our northern approaches
3. Protect Australia's economic connection to our region and the world
4. Contribute with our partners to the collective security of the Indo-Pacific
5. Contribute with our partners to the maintenance of the global rules-based order

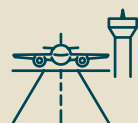
SIX IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES



Advancing our **conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine** capability



Enhancing our **long-range strike** capabilities and our **Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance enterprise**



Strengthening our **northern bases**



Improving the growth and retention of a **highly skilled workforce**



Boosting **innovation**, including through the Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator



Prioritising our **partnerships in the Indo-Pacific**