



Australian Government

# ENHANCED LETHALITY SURFACE COMBATANT FLEET

INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF NAVY'S SURFACE COMBATANT FLEET

## A LARGER & MORE LETHAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Australia's enhanced lethality surface combatant fleet will be an integral component of Australia's maritime and integrated joint force for operations in our immediate region to ensure the safety and security of our sea lines of communication and maritime trade.

The enhanced lethality surface combatant fleet will comprise:

- ▶ **Three upgraded Hobart class destroyers**
- ▶ **Six Hunter class frigates**
- ▶ **11 new general purpose frigates (progressively replacing the six remaining Anzac class frigates)**
- ▶ **Six new Large Optionally Crewed Surface Vessels (LOSVs), and**
- ▶ **25 minor war vessels**

This will see Navy equipped with a major surface combatant fleet over twice as large as previously planned and with more of these new surface combatants in the water and operational sooner.

The Australian Government will invest an additional \$1.7 billion over the Forward Estimates and \$11.1 billion over the next decade in Navy's surface combatant fleet and Australia's shipbuilding industry. This brings the overall investment in acquisition of Navy's enhanced lethality surface combatant fleet to \$38 billion over the next decade.

This investment delivers on the Government's commitment to continuous naval shipbuilding in Australia supporting more than 3,700 direct jobs over the next decade in South Australia and Western Australia and delivering a future made in Australia.



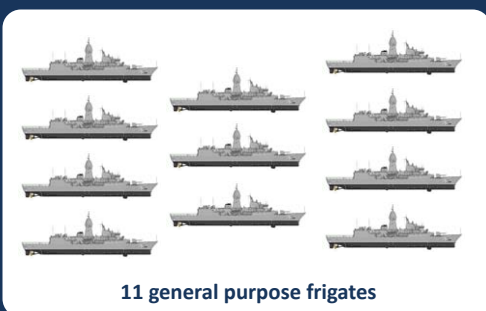
6 x Hunter class frigates



3 x Hobart class destroyers



6 x Large Optionally Crewed Surface Vessels



11 general purpose frigates



An additional \$11.1 billion for Australia's Navy and shipbuilding over the decade



Supporting more than 3,700 direct jobs in SA and WA over the next decade



Construction of the Hunter class frigates to commence at Osborne shipyard in 2024



The Henderson precinct will support the sustainment of the Anzac class frigates and construction of the new general purpose frigates, LOSVs, evolved Cape class Patrol Boats and Army Landing Craft