



Australian Government

ENHANCED LETHALITY SURFACE COMBATANT FLEET

INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF NAVY'S SURFACE COMBATANT FLEET

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

South Australia will be the primary location for designing, building and sustaining destroyers and undersea warfare optimised frigates for the Royal Australian Navy, including:

- ▶ **Hunter class frigates**
- ▶ **Hobart class destroyer capability enhancement upgrade**
- ▶ **Future destroyer replacement**

The Albanese Government will invest an additional \$4 billion over the next decade in South Australia to deliver the Hunter class frigate.

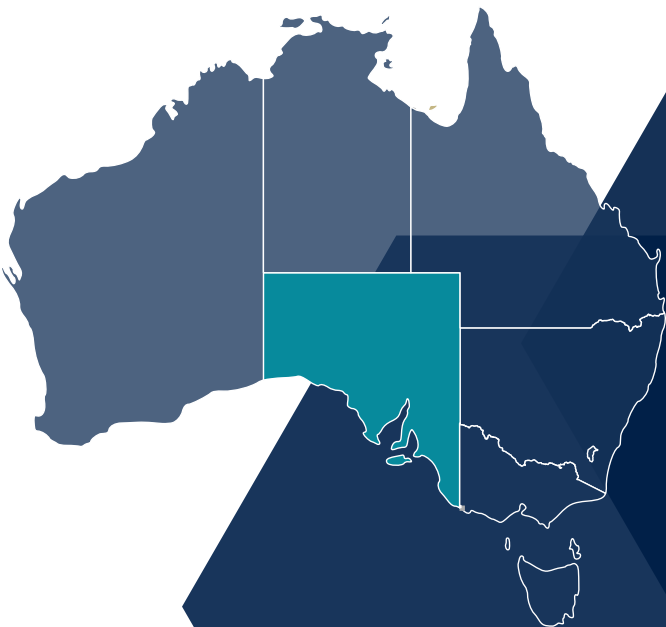
This investment provides a clear pipeline of work for the state's shipbuilding industry and will sustain at least 2,000 local jobs and create at least 500 new jobs over the next decade, making a vital, long-term contribution to the South Australian economy.

The Albanese Government is committed to continuous naval shipbuilding in South Australia and this plan delivers on that commitment.

In 2024, construction of the Hunter class frigate will commence at the Osborne shipyard. The Hunter class frigate is a contemporary design that is the best vessel for Australia's operating environment and strategic challenges, including high-end undersea warfare capabilities.

The South Australian workforce will complement the building of conventionally-armed nuclear-powered submarines in the Osborne precinct.

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



Industry hub for the Hunter class frigate and the Hobart class destroyer



Long-term pipeline of work for SA shipbuilding and defence industry



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