

SOUTH AUSTRALIA **THE DEFENCE STATE**

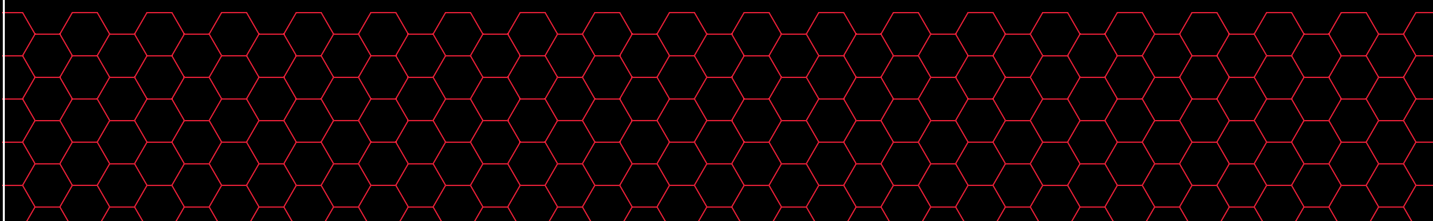


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THE BEST STATE FOR DEFENCE

At the forefront of our nation's defence capability, South Australia is home to a highly skilled workforce, world-class infrastructure, and a collaborative research and innovation ecosystem that consistently delivers cutting-edge technology for Defence.

Defence SA, the state's lead agency for defence, drives growth and opportunity for local industry in major projects, solidifying South Australia's reputation as a global defence industry leader.

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UNIFIED STATE GOVERNMENT APPROACH

The defence sector has the support of agencies across the South Australian Government that are working together to build opportunities that secure the future of our defence industry and create benefits for all South Australians.

Through this unified approach, South Australia is fostering defence industry excellence and building a globally competitive and export-ready industry.



BUILDING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

South Australia boasts an extensive network of Defence infrastructure and cutting-edge facilities that drive innovation.

The Osborne Naval Shipyard is one of the world's most advanced digital shipyards. Other key hubs include Edinburgh Defence Precinct, Lot Fourteen, Tonsley Innovation District, Technology Park, Woomera Range Complex and the Cultana Training Area.



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A STRONG BUSINESS CLIMATE

The AUKUS partnership is driving an economic transformation and South Australia offers the ideal conditions to support this critical work.

South Australia's economy consistently outperforms the rest of the nation. It is the lowest taxing state on the mainland, recording the strongest economic growth of all states in 2023–24, and has achieved near record lows in unemployment.

Supported by strategic government investment and policy initiatives, South Australia is ranked as the best place in the country to do business – all in one of the world's most liveable cities.

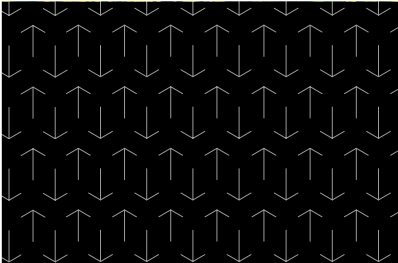


A HIGHLY-SKILLED WORKFORCE

South Australia's defence industry is set to experience unprecedented growth.

Work on the conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine program, combined with a suite of work across all domains, will create more than 15,000 highly-skilled jobs over the next two decades.

Through the South Australian Defence Industry Workforce and Skills Taskforce, the South Australian Government has developed a plan, in tandem with the Australian Government, education and training providers and industry to fill future roles.



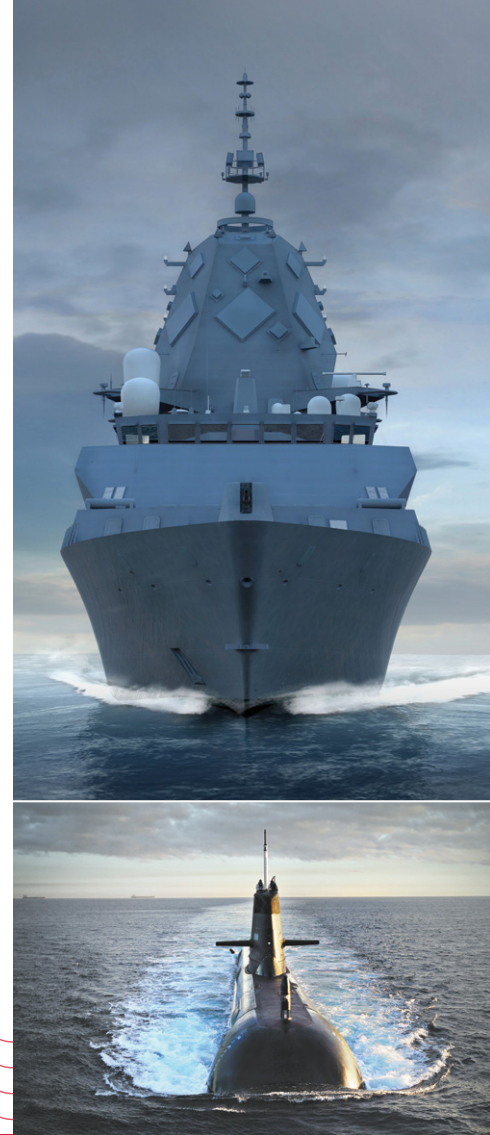
MARITIME

The most significant submarine and naval shipbuilding projects in the nation's history are being spearheaded by South Australia, reinforcing the state's global standing in the maritime sector.

At the forefront is the construction of Australia's fleet of conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarines, the SSN-AUKUS, alongside the development of a cutting-edge shipyard north of Osborne to support their build.

This continuous program of naval projects also includes:

- the construction of six Hunter class frigates
- Full-Cycle Docking and Life of Type Extension of six Collins class submarines
- upgrades to the Hobart class Air Warfare Destroyer combat management system
- the replacement of three Air Warfare Destroyers.



AEROSPACE

South Australia is a key hub for air power, delivering maritime surveillance, anti-submarine warfare, electronic warfare and intelligence capabilities.

Central to this is RAAF Base Edinburgh which hosts Australia's P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol fleet, operates the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft system and soon, the MC-55A Peregrine aircraft.

From 2026, the Deep Maintenance and Modification Facility will support complex maintenance, repair, overhaul and upgrades for RAAF Boeing 737-variant military aircraft and serve as a regional hub for allied aircraft, reinforcing the state's role as a strategic defence partner.



LAND

South Australia has a track record in the design, manufacture and sustainment of advanced land systems.

Current projects include Australia's \$2.5 billion short-range air defence missile system program, LAND 19 Phase 7B. South Australia also hosts a substantial Australian Army presence, with the 9th and 10th Brigades ensuring the consolidation of technologically advanced long-range fires, air defence capabilities and emerging technologies in the state.



SPACE

With the Australian Space Agency at its heart – and a thriving network of more than 100 space organisations – South Australia is critical to the nation's space ambitions and plays a pivotal role in supporting Defence missions.

The state's space sector supports a full range of upstream and downstream activities, including advanced manufacturing of spacecraft, sensors and components, launch and returns services, Space Domain Awareness, mission control and space operations.



ADVANCED SYSTEMS

South Australia is establishing itself as a global hub for advanced technologies and defence systems, positioning the state as a secure partner of choice under AUKUS Pillar II.

RAAF Base Edinburgh is an integrated hub for air, land and surveillance power that is critical to Australia's national security. A thriving defence industry is also developing advanced capabilities in everything from electronic warfare systems to autonomous vehicles.

The state is also expanding local assembly and testing capabilities under the national Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance (GWEO) Enterprise.

DEFENCE INDUSTRY

South Australia's defence industry has a rich history of delivering Australia's largest and most complex defence projects.

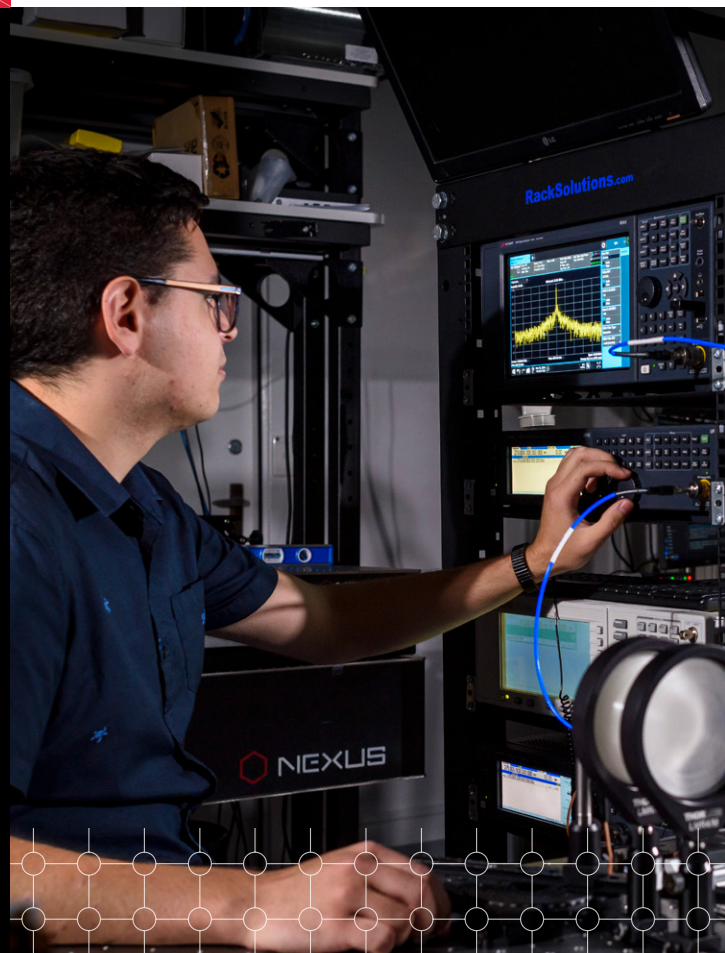
With seven of the world's top 10 defence companies and over 400 specialist SMEs, the state excels across all domains – air, land, sea, space and cyber.

Through advocacy, promotion, and facilitating national and international connections, Defence SA is helping local businesses to enter the supply chain for major Defence projects.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

A centre for defence technology innovation, South Australia has a track record of delivering cutting-edge capability to Defence.

The Defence Innovation Partnership – a partnership between South Australian Government, DSTG and the state's universities – is a catalyst for advancing Australia's defence capabilities through grants programs and fostering research collaborations between defence industry, Defence and academia.



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