

## COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.66)

Senator Anthony Chisholm asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 18 October 2021:

Has Defence considered what shipbuilding projects can be brought forward to fill the shipbuilding workload?

The Department of Defence has provided the following answer to the Senator's question:

On 16 September 2021, the Prime Minister announced the AUKUS trilateral partnership and the procurement of nuclear-powered submarine for Australia. The implications for the Naval Shipbuilding Enterprise are currently being refined by the Department of Defence. The Department of Defence notes that even with the cancellation of the Attack class submarine program, the shipbuilding workforce will continue to grow over the rest of the decade to 2030, both in South Australia and nationally. The attached factsheets, reflecting current and approved shipbuilding projects, were released on 16 September 2021.

# Shipbuilding in South Australia

South Australia is home to Osborne Naval Shipyard - one of two principal shipbuilding hubs in Australia. The Australian Government remains committed to maximising local industry involvement and supporting a sovereign shipbuilding capability in South Australia.

The Government intends to build our nuclear-powered submarine fleet in South Australia. We will work actively with industry to ensure skilled workers are not lost from the enterprise as we establish a new program to support the delivery of nuclear-powered submarines.

Collins full-cycle docking will continue to be conducted at Osborne, rolling into the Collins class life-of-type extension, from 2026. At Osborne South, the first two Arafura class offshore patrol vessels and nine Hunter class frigates will be constructed. Upgrades to the Hobart class air warfare destroyer will also be conducted at Osborne Naval Shipyard this decade.



25+ vessels constructed or upgraded in South Australia



Over 5,000 jobs in South Australia by 2030



Continued emphasis on Australian industry



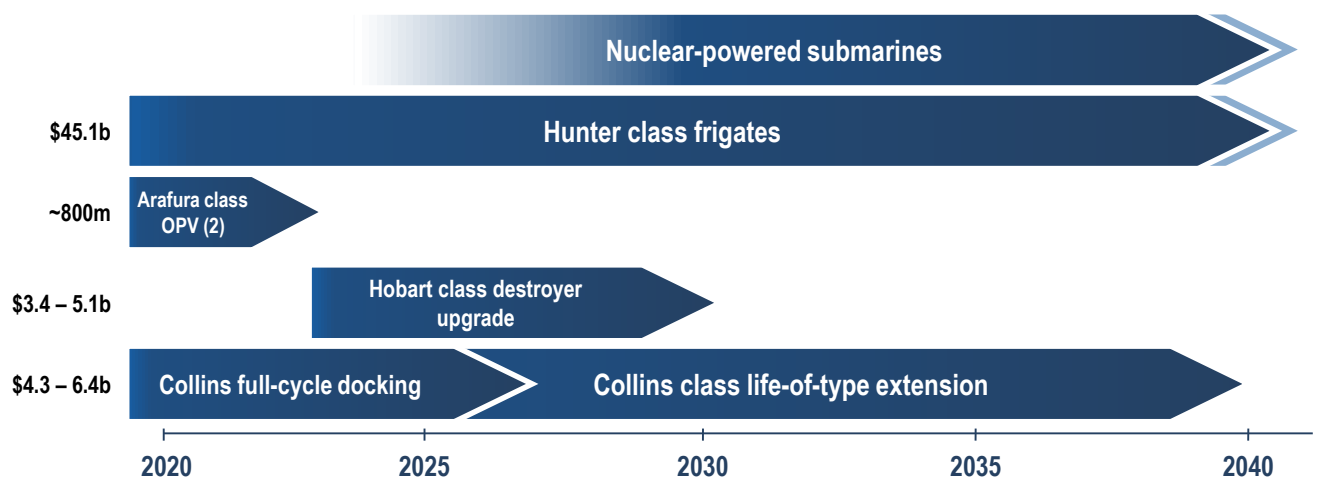
Billions invested in shipbuilding infrastructure

## Workforce and industry

South Australians will have job security and local businesses will be able to invest with confidence knowing that naval shipbuilding will continue at a steady pace within the state, for decades to come.

The Australian Government-funded Naval Shipbuilding College is working with industry and the education and training sector to ensure a pipeline of workers is ready to fill the 5,000 jobs that the Government's investments in the Naval Shipbuilding Enterprise will support by 2030.

## Schedule of shipbuilding projects in South Australia



All figures presented in PBS21-22. Sustainment budget presented per-annum. Figures are based on principal location of project or capability and not necessarily indicative of investment in local industry content.

# Shipbuilding in Western Australia

The Australian Government is committed to supporting a sovereign shipbuilding capability in Western Australia, investing billions out to 2040 through the acquisition and sustainment of a wide range of shipbuilding projects. The Henderson Maritime Precinct is one of two principal shipbuilding hubs in Australia.

The Government has approved 10 Arafura class offshore patrol vessels, and 21 Guardian class and 6 evolved Cape class patrol boats to be built in Henderson. The precinct also supports Anzac class frigate and Collins class submarine sustainment and upgrade activities, including mid-cycle docking.

Defence continues to work with the Western Australian Government on delivering the large-vessel dry berth infrastructure necessary to support the construction of the larger vessels identified in the *2020 Force Structure Plan*.

The development of a Regional Maintenance Centre at Henderson, aimed at providing capability-agnostic maintenance support to the Navy, will also maximise Australian industry participation in Defence supply chains and provide further opportunities for Australian workers.

## Workforce and industry

The Government remains committed to maximising local industry involvement in Australia's shipbuilding enterprise. Western Australians will have job security and local businesses will be able to invest with confidence knowing that shipbuilding will continue at a steady pace for decades to come.

The demand for highly skilled workers in many diverse occupations will provide secure employment for generations of Australian workers into the future.



50+ vessels constructed or upgraded in Western Australia



Over 2,000 jobs in Western Australia by 2030

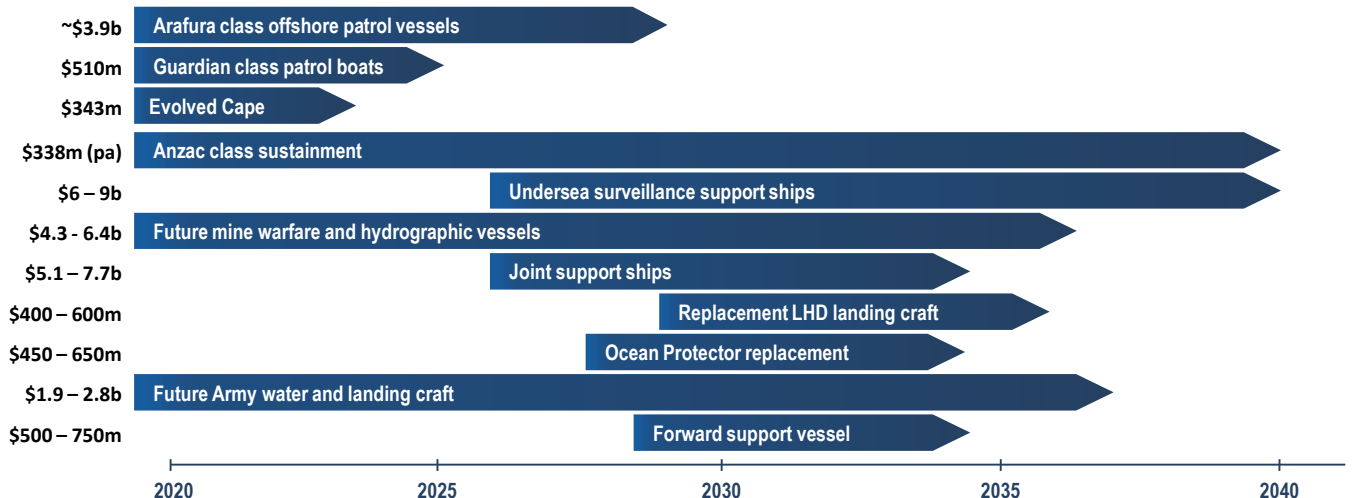


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\$2.7 billion investment in shipbuilding infrastructure

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