

## **Message from Andrew Fletcher, CEO - Port Adelaide Maritime Corporation**

Colleagues

Welcome to our quarterly update on the progress of Techport Australia and the Air Warfare Destroyer program.

The AWD program reached a significant milestone last week with the Commonwealth Government's selection of the Navantia designed F100 as the next generation Air Warfare Destroyer for the Royal Australian Navy.

Three ships, with the longer term possibility of a fourth, will be built in modules across Australia and then assembled in the ASC site at Techport Australia in Osborne, South Australia. The high end systems engineering and systems integration will be carried out by the Alliance members at a purpose built AWD Systems Centre to be developed at Techport Australia.

In addition, the announcement that the majority of the combat system design and integration work for the amphibious ships will take place in Adelaide, further consolidates South Australia as the centre for naval shipbuilding expertise in Australia.

Major achievements since our last update include:

- Commonwealth approval secured for the Common User Facility Design Brief, Detailed Design Documentation and the Test and Evaluation Plan
- completion of detailed design documentation for the shiplift and transfer system
- completion of site preparation works for the Commercial and Education Precinct and commencement of works on the Suppliers' Precinct
- Maritime Skills Centre construction contract awarded to local firm Candetti Constructions, with construction underway
- Government of South Australia investment of \$31.4m to develop the new AWD Systems Centre at Techport Australia, and Woods Bagot appointed to undertake concept design development
- major progress towards selection of a strategic development partner for the Suppliers' Precinct and Commercial and Education Precinct within Techport Australia
- proposals being sought for construction of infrastructure headworks at Techport Australia
- completion of the first stage of public engagement as input to the development of the *Northern Lefevre Peninsula Masterplan*, and
- ASC awarded \$100m shipyard construction contract to local firm Hansen Yuncken.

We remain on track to deliver the State Government infrastructure and support programs for the AWD program and the development of Techport Australia.

Please call me on 8463 7144 if you need any further information on our activities.

Kind regards

