

DEFENCE SA QUARTERLY UPDATE

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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the fourth Defence SA quarterly update.

South Australia welcomed the Minister for Defence's recent announcement that construction of new facilities at Edinburgh Defence Precinct will start later this year to enable the 7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment to move from Darwin to South Australia, along with supporting artillery, combat engineer and logistics troops. Construction of the facilities will deliver considerable economic benefits for South Australia and provide a popular posting location for Army personnel. The \$623.68 million project is scheduled to commence in late 2008 and be completed by 2011.

Other highlights this quarter include:

- South Australia hosted visits by the Minister for Defence, Minister for Defence Science and Personnel and the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Procurement
- hosted annual Department of Defence and Government of South Australia Consultative Forum for discussion on strategic and project matters
- significant input to Commonwealth policy deliberations with Government of South Australia submissions made to the *Defence White Paper 2008* process and the Senate *Inquiry into Australia's Space Science and Industry Sector* and Defence SA Advisory Board submission to the Mortimer *Defence Procurement and Sustainment Review*
- State Government investment in establishment of a Secure Electronic Common User Facility at Technology Park as a hub for South Australian universities and industry (particularly SMEs) and key defence customers to collaborate on innovation and commercialisation opportunities
- Government initiated Development Plan Assessment process to amend land zoning to support implementation of the *Northern Lefevre Peninsula Masterplan*
- Premier Mike Rann MP led an overseas mission to US, UK and Spain, including high-level discussions on South Australian defence opportunities
- Techport Australia delivery continues to track well with over 200 workers currently on site:
 - Maritime Skills Centre completed, on time and on budget
 - Common User Facility construction 40% complete
 - final stages of negotiations on private sector delivery of the Commercial Campus, including AWD Systems Centre and supporting commercial and retail accommodation, and
 - broad sales campaign commenced for Supplier Precinct land.

Please call me on 08 8463 7144 if you need further information on Defence SA and our activities.

Best regards



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