

# DEFENCE SA QUARTERLY UPDATE

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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the first *Defence SA Quarterly Update*.

Effective 1 September 2007, the Government established Defence SA as a dedicated agency to facilitate the development and growth of Defence and sustainable defence industries in South Australia.

The government is seeking to elevate its defence strategy to the next level and ensure that South Australia cements its position as the pre-eminent Australia location for Defence presence and defence industry investment.

Defence SA has subsumed the operations of the former Port Adelaide Maritime Corporation and the Defence Unit within the Department of Trade and Economic Development.

The Defence SA Advisory Board, chaired by General Peter Cosgrove AC MC has been concurrently established to provide high level strategy and policy advice to promote growth of Defence and sustainable defence industries in South Australia.

Recent milestones on major defence initiatives include:

- Saab Systems will undertake the majority of the combat system design and integration work for the Amphibious Ship program in Adelaide, injecting \$100m+ into the South Australian economy
- construction of Maritime Skills Centre commenced at Techport Australia in June 2007, in readiness to deliver trade and technical skills required for the AWD program from early 2008
- construction of the Techport Australia Common User Facility commenced in August 2007, following the award of the \$170 construction contract to McConnell Dowell | Built Environs Joint Venture
- Adelaide hosted over 1800 delegates at the successful 2007 Defence + Industry Conference from 21 – 23 August
- launch of the *South Australian Industry Commercial Defence Ready Directory*, containing validated capability and contact information for approximately 240 South Australian businesses actively seeking to expand their work in the defence sector, and
- Adelaide secured as host city for the integrated tri-service Asia Pacific Defence and Security exhibition and conference in November 2008.

Please call me on 08 8463 7144 if you need further information on our activities. I look forward to seeing a number of you in Adelaide at the Land Warfare Conference from 22 – 26 October 2007.

Best regards



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