WHEN YOU’RE WELL EQUIPPED, WELL PREPARED AND WELL SITUATED, YOU’RE IN THE BEST STATE TO DEFEND, AND THE BEST STATE IS SOUTH AUSTRALIA – THE DEFENCE STATE.
South Australia is the nation’s centre for defence industry excellence.

Renowned for its innovation, world-class research and development, and a highly-skilled workforce, the state’s defence industry has a proud history of delivering some of Australia’s largest and most complex defence projects.

South Australia’s defence industry is backed by a large Australian Defence Force presence and specialist infrastructure, with key Navy, Army, Air Force, Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group and Defence Science and Technology elements located in the state.

Our commitment to the defence sector remains unmatched across the nation. We are focused on delivering a globally competitive and export-ready defence industry through strategic investment in state-of-the-art infrastructure, skills and innovation.

As Australia’s Defence State, we make a significant contribution to the national defence endeavour as we strive towards sovereign capability. Our achievements include:

- the successful launch of all three Air Warfare Destroyers, Hobart, Brisbane and Sydney, at the Osborne Naval Shipyard (Osborne)
- Osborne selected as the centre for the continuous build of major warships, including two Offshore Patrol Vessels, the Future Frigates and the Future Submarines
- establishment of the Defence Innovation Partnership to drive innovation through defence research and development collaboration
- location of the headquarters of the Centre for Defence Industry Capability, the cornerstone of the Commonwealth Government’s strategy for resetting the partnership between the Australian Defence Force and industry
- Australia’s aircraft maritime patrol capability will be based at RAAF Base Edinburgh as the home of Australia’s new P-8A Poseidon aircraft and Triton unmanned aerial vehicle
- the Naval Shipbuilding College will be headquartered in Adelaide
- and the establishment of the first strategic plan for space industry development of any Australian jurisdiction.

We will continue to leverage our strengths in naval shipbuilding and sustainment, cyber, space, research and development, aircraft support and component manufacture, electronic warfare and systems integration to drive sustainable defence industry growth, and pursue additional defence activity for South Australia.

We are working closely with the Australian Government, the Australian Defence Force and industry to understand future workforce needs. More than 20,000 new apprenticeships, a new technical college and an employment pathway program for ex-service personnel will be central to meeting the demand for new workers.

We are committed to growing local industry and creating an environment where businesses can thrive while supporting the Australian Defence Force and strengthening our country’s national security.

HON STEVEN MARSHALL MP
Premier of South Australia
South Australian industry has proven capability and experience, delivering many of Australia’s largest and most complex defence projects.

The state is home to the headquarters or significant operations of seven of the world’s top 10 major defence companies.

South Australia also has a strong core of specialist SMEs, with more than 250 innovative businesses with defence industry capabilities. Our industry provides goods and services directly to Defence, as well as delivering into the supply chains of prime contractors in Australia and around the world, including the joint strike fighter.

South Australia’s Defence Strategy 2030 outlines South Australia’s commitment to expanding its defence industry capability across all sectors, with particular focus on:

- naval shipbuilding
- space
- cyber and systems
- defence science and research.

We also have capabilities across aerospace and our industry has many years’ experience in building and sustaining armoured fighting vehicles.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAS A STRONG, WORLD-CLASS INDUSTRY SUPPORTING THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE.

Australia's new P-8A Poseidon maritime surveillance aircraft.
Air Warfare Destroyer construction at Osborne Naval Shipyard.
South Australia is the national centre of naval shipbuilding and submarine sustainment, home to the Royal Australian Navy’s largest and most complex projects over the past three decades and confirmed build location for Australia’s next generation warships and submarines.

Key current projects include construction of the nation’s Air Warfare Destroyer fleet and sustainment of the Collins class submarine fleet, both occurring at the Osborne Naval Shipyard in Adelaide, the country’s premier naval shipbuilding hub.

The $9.1 billion Air Warfare Destroyer project is on track for completion in 2019, with the AWD Alliance to deliver three Hobart class destroyers to the Royal Australian Navy. The Alliance incorporates the Department of Defence, ASC and Raytheon Australia, with Spanish shipbuilder Navantia bringing an experienced shipbuilding management team.

The first destroyer, Hobart, was delivered to the Navy in June 2017 and Brisbane was delivered in July 2018, while the third destroyer, Sydney, was launched in May 2018.

Australia’s next generation of 12 submarines will be built at Osborne. The $50 billion Future Submarine program is the largest Defence procurement in the nation’s history. In April 2016, French company Naval Group was selected as the design partner and is working to ensure Australian industry is involved in design, development, build, integration and sustainment phases. Key project infrastructure is also being targeted by the state, including a Land Based Test Facility and Combat System Physical Integration Facility. A Future Submarine Technical Office based in Adelaide is already working on the project, drawing on expertise from around the world.

Osborne is also the confirmed build location for the $35 billion Future Frigate program, a fleet of nine vessels to replace the in-service ANZAC class frigates. In July 2018, BAE Systems was selected as the designer and will partner with Adelaide-based ASC Shipbuilding to build the Hunter class frigates for the Navy.

The Offshore Patrol Vessel program will commence at Osborne in 2018, before transferring to Western Australia when the Future Frigate construction commences in 2020. German shipbuilder Lürssen, the selected design partner, is partnering with ASC to build the first two vessels.
South Australia has an innovative and dynamic space industry, with 70 organisations active in space including private companies, universities, schools and internationally-respected research centres.

The development of the local space economy is a key priority for South Australia and in 2016 the state developed the first space strategy of any Australian jurisdiction. The Australian Government has committed to establishing a national space agency and South Australia is ideally placed to play a key role due to efforts in developing the space industry over the past few years.

In September 2017 the South Australian Space Industry Centre was established to drive space industry innovation, research and entrepreneurial development.

The space industry taps into the innovative skills of our best researchers and engineers and inspires young people to develop the skills to push forward the frontiers of scientific knowledge.

The growth of space and sustainable defence industries in South Australia plays a key role in the state’s economic development. South Australia’s industry is developing groundbreaking solutions utilising space technology and critical data to allow industries to optimise their operations in sectors such as agriculture, mining and marine.

South Australia is committed to the promotion of an active network among stakeholders involved in the space ecosystem to share information, promote innovation and further develop the relationship between South Australia’s industry and research sectors.
The future Australian Defence Force requires the ability to develop and support complex systems through the integration of hardware, software, and securely collecting, processing, storing and disseminating large volumes of mission and system critical data.

To achieve this, South Australia supports an ecosystem of Defence primes, SMEs, research and development institutions and advanced testing and training capabilities. Our defence precincts are focused on delivering, integrating and sustaining current and future Defence capabilities.

Key systems integration projects include:

- Raytheon Australia as the combat system integrator for the Collins class submarine replacement combat system and the Australian Aegis Combat System for the Air Warfare Destroyers.
- Saab Australia as the combat system integrator for the Canberra class landing helicopter docks and ANZAC frigates and provider of the 9LV combat management system for the fleet.
- Lockheed Martin Australia with the Submarine Combat System Laboratory in Adelaide, including key partners Saab Australia and Thales Australia.
- BAE Systems Australia supporting and upgrading the Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN).

In addition to its work on JORN, BAE Systems Australia has a 60-year history of strategic support to the Australian Defence Force and is prime systems integrator and sustainment lead for the Navy’s Landing Helicopter Dock ships and the upgraded ANZAC frigates.

The support of future Australian Defence Force capabilities will require an increased focus on data security and South Australia has already placed a priority on increasing its cyber capabilities.

The state’s Cyber Security Strategic Plan (2018-2021) underpins a three-year program towards transforming the state into a centre of excellence for cyber security. This includes establishing an Australian Cyber Security (AustCyber) Growth Network node to boost collaboration efforts and a cyber training range.

A Joint Cyber Security Centre is co-located with the network node to provide access to national cyber threat sharing, cyber training for SMEs and an increased priority on securing government and industry IT systems and data.

The state is a growing hub for defence-related cyber security and is home to DST’s Cyber and Electronic Warfare Division and Number 462 Squadron, RAAF’s cyber security squadron.

Cyber security firm VeroGuard Systems is also expanding its presence into South Australia, building an advanced manufacturing facility in Edinburgh Parks.

Our universities encompass cyber security in their teaching and research programs, including Carnegie Mellon’s Software Engineering Institute Asia-Pacific, headquartered in Adelaide, which works to continually improve software-intensive systems.
South Australia has a long history of success in defence science and research, underpinned by strong education and industry alliances.

DST’s longstanding presence in South Australia has fostered strong partnerships with industry and the state’s three universities – the University of South Australia, the University of Adelaide and Flinders University – to deliver world-leading research for Australia’s defence and national security.

These partnerships lead to collaborative programs and projects that are developing defence-relevant research concentrations, particularly in areas that align with the Australian Government’s Next Generation Technologies Fund. These include cyber, space, advanced sensors, enhanced human performance and trusted autonomous systems.

Other Australian Government defence innovation initiatives, including the Defence Innovation Hub and the Adelaide-based headquarters for the Centre for Defence Industry Capability, generate further research and development outcomes and commercialisation activity in South Australia.

South Australian businesses and universities have secured a significant portion of funding under these defence industry and innovation programs, cementing our state’s position as a hub of defence research and innovation.

South Australia is also home to a number of research centres, including the Adelaide-based Data to Decisions Cooperative Research Centre (D2D CRC), the Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre and the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI), which bring together researchers and industry to translate quality research into practical solutions.

THE DEFENCE INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP

The Defence Innovation Partnership is a catalyst for defence research and development collaborations. With a deep understanding of South Australia’s world-class research and industrial capabilities, the Defence Innovation Partnership connects government, industry and researchers with the right partners and fosters the formation of new projects.

The Defence Innovation Partnership also features the Collaborative Research Grants program which provides up to $150,000 to support collaborative research and development activities.

Whether it is a specific challenge, or advice about engaging with the defence innovation ecosystem, the Defence Innovation Partnership provides a single point of contact in South Australia for enquiries.

The Defence Innovation Partnership is a collaborative initiative of Defence SA, Defence Science and Technology and South Australia’s three universities – the University of Adelaide, Flinders University and the University of South Australia.
DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Defence Science and Technology (DST) is the Australian Government’s lead agency for applying science and technology to safeguard Australia and its national interests.

The group’s largest Australian operation is based in the Edinburgh Defence Precinct, where more than 1200 highly skilled scientists, engineers, IT specialists and support staff undertake military research in the divisions of maritime, land, aerospace, national security and ISR, cyber and electronic warfare and weapons and combat systems.

DST works closely with local industry, universities and the scientific community, advising and delivering technology solutions to support Australia’s defence and national security.
South Australia is a national hub for airborne maritime surveillance and weapon system test and evaluation. Our dynamic aerospace sector is underpinned by advanced manufacturing and electronics industries and recognised as the operational hub for Defence intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and electronic warfare (ISREW).

Defence aerospace capabilities are focussed on supporting the surveillance aircraft including P-8A Poseidon, Triton, AMSA search and rescue platforms and JORN radar systems. Advanced manufacturing of aircraft parts, maintenance repair and overhaul of aircraft and electronic equipment and safety systems are all critical to the sector.

The Australian Government will acquire six Northrop Grumman MQ-4C Triton unmanned aerial vehicles as part of a joint program with the United States Navy. The Triton unmanned systems will be based at RAAF Base Edinburgh, with the first one scheduled to be delivered in mid-2023.

The Tritons will provide South Australian industry with sustainment opportunities, and foster a centre of excellence in ISR, bringing together world-leading companies, universities and defence organisations focused on maximising the new capability.

The Triton unmanned systems purpose aircraft (AIR 555), armed unmanned systems (AIR 7003) and next generation weapons testing and deployment highlights that the sector will require an agile and capable defence industry.

The Air Warfare Centre (AWC) is headquartered at RAAF Base Edinburgh. The AWC is critical to establishing the RAAF as a modern and fully integrated combat force that can deliver air and space power effects in the information age. The AWC is supported by an integrated workforce including Air Force, Army, Navy, public service and defence industry personnel.

The RAAF’s centralised ISR processing, exploitation and dissemination system, Distributed Ground Station–Australia, is also being established in Adelaide, further cementing the state’s nation-leading position in this field.

Australia’s largest helicopter flight training company, Becker Helicopters is creating an operating base at Whyalla Airport. The base will provide pilot and aircrew training for military and civil personnel and create a new business sector for the Upper Spencer Gulf region.
Triton unmanned aerial vehicle.
Australian Light Armoured Vehicle.
Locally based defence prime contractors have undertaken the two most significant armoured fighting vehicle manufacturing, sustainment and upgrade programs of the past two decades, backed by a strong local supply chain.

BAE Systems Australia, headquartered in South Australia, was prime contractor for the $1 billion program to extensively modernise Army’s fleet of M113 armoured personnel carriers.

From its national headquarters in Adelaide, General Dynamics Land Systems – Australia performed the final assembly and sustainment of Army’s fleet of Australian Light Armoured Vehicles (ASLAVs), and has exported large numbers of LAV turrets to overseas markets.

Also from Adelaide, General Dynamics provides heavy-grade repair and upgrade services for ASLAV, and manages the sustainment of Army’s fleets of M1A1 Abrams main battle tanks and M88 Hercules tank recovery vehicles.

With such strong industrial capability, South Australia is well placed to play a pivotal role in the Department of Defence’s $10 billion-plus LAND 400 – Land Combat Vehicle System program. A cluster of local SMEs, with a wealth of expertise, will be involved in the supply chain work for the major armoured fighting vehicle project.

Additional opportunities for supply chain partners for the program are likely to become available and the South Australian Government will continue to support local SMEs to ensure they are fully equipped and ready to take advantage.

Raytheon Australia is set to establish a new Centre for Joint Integration at Technology Park, Mawson Lakes, to support delivery of the Australian Army’s $2 billion Short Range Ground Based Air Defence system, LAND 19 Phase 7B. The Centre will act as a purpose-built facility for assembly, integration testing and in-service support for a number of Raytheon projects.
HIGHLY SKILLED WORKFORCE

COMMITMENT BACKED BY INVESTMENT

The South Australian Government is committed to supporting young South Australians to develop high-level trade, STEM and managerial skills to prepare them for careers in the defence industry. These skills are an essential ingredient in meeting the workforce demands of the defence industry and the increased focus on advanced manufacturing and new technologies.

We invest heavily in workforce development to deliver a pipeline of skilled workers for defence industry. Of the 15,000 jobs expected to be created nationally through naval shipbuilding, South Australia’s shipbuilding workforce is predicted to reach 5200, plus more in the supply chain. From maritime engineers and technicians to project managers and schedulers, electricians and welders, the emerging job opportunities in South Australia are many and varied.

A key initiative is a four-year whole-of-government Defence Industry Workforce and Skills Strategy led by Defence SA. The strategy will provide a framework for engaging collaboratively with the Australian Government, industry and educational institutions to promote the opportunities that exist and provide responsive and meaningful curriculum and qualifications to those who aspire to join the industry. The plan also supports workers transitioning from other sectors and those already working in this exciting industry.

Other major initiatives include:

- the new Naval Shipbuilding College, headquartered in Adelaide, is partnering with education and industry providers across Australia, to increase the size and skill-level of Australia’s naval shipbuilding and sustainment workforce
- development and implementation of a Defence Industry Employment Program for ex-service personnel in collaboration with the Defence Teaming Centre
- a $200 million apprenticeship program to support an additional 20,000 work-based apprenticeships and traineeships in key industries including defence
- the state’s three universities have established tailored graduate and postgraduate programs to meet the demand for skills in naval shipbuilding
- a dedicated Maritime High School and The Heights School as a defence high school with defence scholarship and internship programs
- new technical college planned for Adelaide’s western suburbs, with a focus on defence
- a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Skills Strategy for South Australia

- Defence industry representation on the South Australian Training and Skills Commission and supporting Industry Skills Councils
- new $1 million welding simulator centre at the Regency Campus of TAFE SA
- establishment of the STEM High School (Botanic High) in Adelaide’s CBD.

RESPONSIVE EDUCATION AND TRAINING SECTOR

South Australia’s established universities – University of Adelaide, University of South Australia and Flinders University – work closely with the defence sector and are highly responsive to industry needs. They have established tailored graduate and postgraduate programs to meet demand for skills in marine engineering, naval architecture, maritime electronics, defence signal information processing, and military systems integration and support.

Carnegie Mellon University’s Software Engineering Institute Asia-Pacific, headquartered in Adelaide, also collaborate closely with defence and government organisations, industry and academia to define its specialist courses.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA’S HIGHLY-SKILLED AND EXPERIENCED WORKFORCE IS UNDERPINNED BY A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEM

TAFE SA, South Australia’s largest vocational educator, has long worked with defence industry to develop customised training and defence-specific apprenticeship courses.

The State Government has established a $38 million Mining, Engineering and Transport training hub at TAFE SA’s Regency Campus to support growth in the defence, mining, civil and mechanical engineering; advanced manufacturing; and transport industries.

The Defence Industry Education and Skills Consortium, which includes South Australia’s three universities, TAFE SA and the Defence Teaming Centre, is collaborating with the Australian Government’s new Naval Shipbuilding College at Osborne, to deliver a maritime-ready workforce with skills in engineering, information and computer technology and project management.

Steel plate cutting at Ferrocut.
DEDICATED DEFENCE AND INNOVATION PRECINCTS

LOCATION MATTERS

Adelaide is home to three dedicated defence industry precincts: Osborne Naval Shipyard, Technology Park Adelaide and Edinburgh Defence Precinct. Housing specialist infrastructure and clusters of innovative defence companies with a critical mass of defence expertise, they are the ideal location for companies operating in the defence sector. Australia’s leading innovation hub, Tonsley Innovation Precinct, is also located in South Australia, and the nation’s first creation and innovation neighbourhood, Lot Fourteen, is being developed right in the heart of the city.

Each precinct is close to core Defence facilities and home to major Defence projects, fostering unique collaboration opportunities.

OSBORNE NAVAL SHIPYARD

Osborne, South Australia, is home to the nation’s premier naval industry hub which is the logical location for any company pursuing opportunities in defence or commercial shipbuilding and ship sustainment projects. It is home to Australia’s two largest naval projects to date – the Collins class submarine sustainment and Hobart class Air Warfare Destroyer construction – and some of Australia’s leading maritime companies.

Osborne is also the location for construction of Australia’s next generation warships and submarines, with nine Future Frigates and 12 Future Submarines and two Offshore Patrol Vessels to be built at the site.

The Osborne Naval Shipyard consists of common user shipbuilding facilities, including the largest shiplift in the southern hemisphere, as well as a fully integrated industrial precinct for suppliers, and a commercial and education precinct.

Located at Osborne, 25 kilometres north-west of Adelaide’s CBD, the precinct has easy access to the national transport network, including road, rail and deep-sea port, and links through the SABRENNet high-speed optical fibre network to major research, defence and education sites across Adelaide.

TECHNOLOGY PARK ADELAIDE

An ideal location for established and emerging technology companies, Technology Park Adelaide has a strong focus on systems development and integration, information communication technology, advanced manufacturing and electronics.

It has a critical mass of technology expertise involving more than 100 companies, ranging from multinational organisations including Lockheed Martin Australia and Saab Australia to established small to medium enterprises and start-ups.

Only 12 kilometres north of the Adelaide CBD, Technology Park offers virtual, serviced and long-term offices to suit businesses of any size, with a dedicated concierge team supporting tenants and an onsite conference centre. Fully serviced commercial lots are ready for immediate development.
**EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT**

Edinburgh Defence Precinct is a key national defence research, manufacturing and sustainment hub housing RAAF Base Edinburgh, Defence Science and Technology and major defence companies including BAE Systems Australia, Lockheed Martin Australia, Raytheon, CEA and Airbus Group Australia Pacific.

Located 25 kilometres north of Adelaide, the precinct has easy access to major transport routes, with links to the national highway network, port facilities and the Adelaide–Darwin rail line. Ideally suited to defence manufacturing, the precinct has a range of fully serviced, large allotments ready for immediate development.

The RAAF Base Edinburgh is one of two Department of Defence super-bases and is home to 5000 military personnel, public servants and contractors.

**TONSLEY INNOVATION PRECINCT**

The Tonsley Innovation Precinct brings together research, businesses, government and the wider community to connect and collaborate in Australia’s first innovation district.

Located 10 kilometres from Adelaide’s CBD, the precinct has direct rail link access and a non-stop road corridor is currently undergoing a major upgrade.

**LOT FOURTEEN INNOVATION HUB**

Lot Fourteen, on the site of the former Royal Adelaide Hospital in the heart of Adelaide’s CBD, is being transformed into Australia’s first creation and innovation neighbourhood.

The precinct will create an entrepreneurial ecosystem and drive jobs in fast-growing industries such as defence and space, artificial intelligence, cyber security, smart sensor networks, robotics and big data.
South Australia is home to a large Royal Australian Air Force contingent with the RAAF Base Edinburgh the centre of the nation’s military intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and electronic warfare capabilities.

For more than 40 years the RAAF Base has been home to the No 92 Wing, which operates the RAAF’s AP-3C Orion maritime surveillance aircraft and will be home to the Orion’s replacement fleet, the P-8A Poseidon aircraft.

It is also the location of the Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN) Coordination Centre, Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit and the Air Warfare Centre.

Major development is currently underway on the base to support the introduction of the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and the Triton unmanned aerial vehicles.

The 1st Armoured Regiment and the 7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment of the 1st Brigade (Adelaide) are based at Army’s Horseshoe Barracks, within the Edinburgh Defence super-base.

Other Army presence within the state includes the 16th Air Land Regiment at Woodside, part of the 6th Combat Support Brigade and the 9th Brigade, the South Australian based Army Reserve Brigade.

Royal Australian Navy personnel in South Australia are primarily involved in supporting the delivery of the Air Warfare Destroyer program and sustainment of the Collins class submarines.

In addition to work on these programs, personnel have other roles at RAAF Base Edinburgh and Defence Science and Technology.

Keswick Barracks, the Royal Australian Navy's headquarters in South Australia, provides administrative support for these personnel.

Following a four-fold expansion to 2100 square kilometres, the Cultana Training Area is the Australian Defence Force’s largest training area capable of supporting year-round combined arms exercises.

Situated 370 kilometres north-west of Adelaide on the Spencer Gulf, Cultana has the ideal terrain and climate for armoured, mechanised and cavalry forces training.

The Cultana development project is well underway to establish the infrastructure needed to manage and utilise the area for large scale sea, land and air training activities.

The Murray Bridge Training Area, located 100 kilometres east of Adelaide, has small arms ranges up to 800 metres, allowing for training of both regular and reserve units based in South Australia. The range occupies 42 square kilometres.
WOOMERA RANGE COMPLEX

The Woomera Range Complex is the largest land based test range in the world, covering 122,000 square kilometres. Located about 500 kilometres north-west of Adelaide, its remoteness and quiet electromagnetic environment is ideal for complex air, ground and space test activities.

The Woomera Range Complex comprises both the Woomera Test Range and RAAF Base Woomera.

RAAF Base Woomera provides operational support to the Range, and includes airfield, hangars, technical areas and the village.

The range is used extensively by Australian and allied forces, and plays a significant role in Australia’s national security. An extensive upgrade of Woomera’s range and instrumentation systems is being planned.

A co-existence regime in the Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA), the key element of the range, ensuring access and use by non-Defence stakeholders, including pastoralists, indigenous peoples and the resources sector. Non-Defence use of the WPA is administered by the WPA Coordination Office, a joint Australian–South Australian Government office.

PORT WAKEFIELD PROOF AND EXPERIMENTAL ESTABLISHMENT

The Port Wakefield Proof and Experimental Establishment hosts weapons trials, munitions proofing and environmental testing for the Royal Australian Navy and Australian Army.

The 5600-hectare site is about 80 kilometres north of Adelaide, near the northern tip of Gulf St Vincent. Due to tidal movements, it is the only range in Australia where projectiles can be fired into a coastal area and retrieved relatively undamaged for assessment.
COMPETITIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

STRATEGIC LOCATION
South Australia is at the centre of the nation’s air, road and rail logistics networks, offering seamless connections to national markets across Australia and around the world. South Australia conveniently shares its borders with all of the other mainland states, making it easily accessible from all Australian airports and international gateways.

STRONG AND DIVERSE ECONOMY
South Australia has a strong economy, with more than $45 billion worth of major projects underway or in the pipeline across a broad range of sectors, creating unprecedented opportunities and long-term employment.

South Australia is embarking on a future built on innovation and knowledge-intensive industries, from defence and health to agriculture, resources and tourism.

LOW-COST BUSINESS LOCATION
South Australia is a low cost business location with full-time labour costs 10% below the Australian average, making the state a great place to expand or set up business.

Business stamp duties are being abolished to make South Australia the lowest taxing state in Australia for business. From 1 January 2019, small businesses with an average of 25 employees will also be exempt from payroll tax.

Adelaide’s residential, commercial and industrial property prices are among the lowest of Australia’s mainland capital cities, and construction costs for developing new facilities are highly competitive.

Adelaide also boasts affordable land linked to transport corridors and key infrastructure.

ENViable LIFESTYLE
Consistently voted one of the world’s most liveable cities, Adelaide offers an outstanding quality of life, combining low living costs and world-class strategic infrastructure, healthcare and education with a Mediterranean climate.

Home to 1.3 million people, Adelaide is renowned for its food and wine, major events, pristine beaches, artistic festivals and vibrant multicultural society.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA COMBINES COMPETITIVE COSTS AND AN EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY OF LIFE, WITH A STRONG DEFENCE HERITAGE, MAKING IT THE IDEAL LOCATION FOR DEFENCE SECTOR INVESTMENT.
Defence SA is South Australia’s lead government agency for all defence matters and the nation’s only standalone state defence organisation. It provides a single, focused and proactive contact point for all defence stakeholders, streamlining their interaction across the South Australian Government.

Defence SA’s mission is clear; to grow the defence and space industries and strengthen the Defence Force presence in South Australia. Working closely with Defence and industry, Defence SA targets investment and expansion opportunities, drives and supports the delivery of major defence projects and facilities, and pursues additional Defence units and capabilities to support the state’s existing foundation.

Defence SA actively promotes and contributes to whole-of-state strategic issues such as workforce development, advanced manufacturing policy and other long-term infrastructure plans for South Australia.

The South Australian Premier has assumed responsibility for Defence and Space Industries, demonstrating the state’s commitment to growing South Australia’s economy through these sectors.

The Defence Teaming Centre (DTC) is a nationally-focused member organisation enabling and supporting Australian industry to develop capability and increase overall competitiveness in domestic and global defence markets.

DTC has a membership of over 250 businesses including prime defence contractors, small-to-medium enterprises, professional service providers and academic institutions that are involved in supplying and supporting Defence capability.

Defence SA works closely with the DTC on a range of industry and workforce development programs and initiatives to support the sustainability and growth of South Australia’s defence industry. DTC supports its members to maintain capability and maximise opportunities in defence and related sectors.

The Defence SA Advisory Board is a formidable line-up of the nation’s top Defence and industry brainpower, led by Chairman and former Chief of Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK AFC.

The board provides high-level strategic and policy advice to promote the growth of Defence and defence industries in accordance with South Australia’s Defence Strategy 2030.
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