

# News Release

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### Former Chief of Defence Force joins Defence SA Advisory Board

Former Chief of the Australian Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC AFC has been appointed to the Defence SA Advisory Board.

Premier Jay Weatherill and Defence SA Advisory Board Chairman General Peter Cosgrove AC MC announced the appointment and welcomed Air Chief Marshal Houston to the role.

Air Chief Marshal Houston is attending his first Defence SA Advisory Board meeting today.

“As former Chief of the Defence Force, and Chief of Air Force, his extensive experience and expertise will prove invaluable as we continue to grow South Australia’s Defence presence and build a sustainable defence industry,” Mr Weatherill said.

“Air Chief Marshal Houston will make an exceptional contribution to the Defence SA Advisory Board.”

Defence SA Advisory Board Chairman, General Peter Cosgrove AC MC, also welcomed the appointment.

“Air Chief Marshal Houston is an outstanding leader, with unquestionable strategic acumen. The board is delighted to welcome a member of his calibre,” General Cosgrove said.

“I look forward to working with Air Chief Marshal Houston as we leverage the state’s unparalleled commitment to defence and strive to maximise long-term opportunities with particular focus on the future submarines and military vehicle projects.”

Air Chief Marshal Houston and General Peter Cosgrove served together as Chief of Air Force and Chief of the Defence Force respectively. Air Chief Marshall Houston then went on to become Chief of the Defence Force.

Mr Weatherill also announced the reappointment of Dr Ian Chessell and Lieutenant General Peter Leahy AC to the Advisory Board, and thanked Air Marshal Les Fisher AO who has retired from the board following six years of exceptional service.

“The high calibre Defence SA Advisory Board has made a significant contribution to the State’s defence efforts, and continues to deliver top level defence strategy and policy advice,” Mr Weatherill said.

Minister for Defence Industries, Jack Snelling said Air Chief Marshal Houston has been appointed for an initial two-year period.

“We have the right mix of defence and industry expertise on the board to ensure South Australia remains the nation’s Defence State into the future,” he said.