



Media Release

AWD Alliance welcomes SA Government investment at Techport

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The Air Warfare Destroyer Alliance welcomes further South Australian Government investment in the Techport Australia precinct at Osborne.

AWD Alliance CEO Rod Equid said the SA Government's commitment to Techport is an important part of successful delivery of the AWD project.

"With work on HMAS *Hobart* and HMAS *Brisbane* well underway at Techport, and work on HMAS *Sydney* to commence later this year, we are heading towards the peak production phase of the AWD project," Mr Equid said.

"Today's announcement provides greater flexibility to accommodate additional activity on the Common User Facility (CUF) during this peak period."

When complete, the AWDs will provide a significant increase in the Royal Australian Navy's capabilities and greater protection for Australian Defence Force personnel on operations. They are being built for Australia's specific defence needs and will have a layered defensive and offensive capability.

The AWDs will be interoperable with coalition partners and capable of carrying out multi-mission operations, ranging from high-intensity conflict to search and rescue, right through to peacetime national tasking and diplomatic missions.

The Air Warfare Destroyer project is being delivered under an Alliance contract arrangement between the Australian Government (represented by the Defence Materiel Organisation) as owner-participant, ASC and Raytheon Australia.

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