



## **Australian Government**

Australian Government response to the  
Senate Economics References Committee –  
Final Report:

Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding  
capability

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# **GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE SENATE ECONOMICS REFERENCES COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT**

## **Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability**

The Government welcomes the tabling of the Senate Economics References Committee's Final Report on Australia's sovereign naval shipbuilding capability on 18 May 2022.

The Government supports the longstanding principle of the Parliament inquiring into and reporting on activities within Commonwealth departments. The Government notes the recommendations of the final report. The recommendations will be considered as part of the Defence Strategic Review, and in the development of the roadmap for the delivery of nuclear-powered submarines for Australia and drafting of an updated Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Plan.

The Government and the Department of Defence are committed to ensuring that Australia has the maritime capabilities required to fulfil its strategic objectives. Investments across the naval shipbuilding and sustainment enterprise will continue to ensure the operational effectiveness of Australia's naval capability and support thousands of jobs, now and into the future.