



DEFENCE POLICY

National Defence, Sovereign Industry,
and Australian Strength



WHAT WE BELIEVE

A nation that cannot defend itself cannot remain sovereign.

Australia must stand on its own feet—militarily, economically, and industrially.

Our defence capability must be built here, by Australians, for Australians.

Rebuilding our defence industry is not just a security priority—it is an economic imperative.

Australian workers, engineers, and manufacturers should be at the centre of our national defence effort.

Strong alliances matter, but Australia must never outsource its security or industrial capacity.

That a powerful, self-reliant Australia is essential to stability in our region.

OUR POLICIES

For too long, Australia has allowed its industrial base to weaken and its defence capability to depend on others.

This policy reverses that decline.

We will rebuild Australia as a nation that makes, builds, and defends for itself—creating jobs, restoring industry, and securing our future. A stronger defence force will not only protect our nation, it will power our economy, revitalise our regions, and restore Australian sovereignty.



Strong nation. Strong industry. Strong defence.

National Defence as an Engine of Economic Growth

Treat defence industry as a cornerstone of national economic policy. Direct major defence spending into Australian jobs, skills, and manufacturing capacity. Ensure every major procurement decision delivers long-term economic benefit at home. Create thousands of skilled jobs in engineering, shipbuilding, advanced manufacturing, and technology.

Build a Sovereign Defence Industry

Mandate maximum local content in all defence contracts. Establish Australia as a producer—not just a buyer—of military capability. Expand domestic production of munitions, vehicles, ships, and advanced systems. Develop secure, Australian-controlled supply chains for critical components and materials.

Reindustrialise Australia Through Defence

Use defence investment to rebuild heavy industry and advanced manufacturing. Revitalise regional economies through defence production hubs. Support apprenticeships, technical training, and workforce development tied directly to defence projects. Partner with Australian universities and industry to drive innovation and skills.

Re-arm and Expand Capability—Built at Home

Prioritise locally built naval vessels, submarines, and armoured vehicles. Establish domestic missile and munitions manufacturing at scale. Invest in Australian-based production of drones, cyber systems, and emerging technologies. Ensure Australia can sustain its own military operations without relying on foreign supply.



Strategic Self-Reliance First, Alliances Second

Maintain strong alliances but ensure Australia can act independently when required. Negotiate defence partnerships that strengthen—not replace—Australian industry. Reject procurement models that send Australian jobs offshore.

A Stronger Regional Power Backed by Real Capability

Build a defence force capable of projecting strength in our region. Support allies from a position of strength, not dependence. Expand Australia's role as a security and industrial partner in the Indo-Pacific.

Secure Critical Infrastructure and Supply Chains

Protect key industries—energy, transport, communications—as national security assets. Establish large strategic reserves of fuel, materials, and critical inputs. Reduce reliance on foreign-controlled supply chains in times of crisis.

Invest in Future Technologies—Made in Australia

Fund Australian innovation in cyber, space, AI, and autonomous systems. Ensure intellectual property developed with public funding remains in Australian hands. Position Australia as a leader in next-generation defence technologies.