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## Australia's Future Submarine Program briefing comes to Melbourne

Over 320 Australian companies, Research and Development and educational institutions will gather in Melbourne today to hear from key Future Submarine Program (FSP) representatives who will update them on progress to date, future development plans and potential engagement opportunities.

The event is a joint briefing involving the Department of Defence as the customer, and the two prime contractors – DCNS, as the Platform System Integrator (PSI), and Lockheed Martin Australia, as the Combat System Integrator (CSI).

In Victoria:

- **189** requests for information have been issued to over **45** companies
- **39** Victorian companies have completed the DCNS supplier pre-qualification questionnaire; and
- **10** companies have already undergone questionnaire validation audits, which is the next step in the process of becoming eligible for the DCNS supply chain.

"We are committed to maximising Australian industry involvement in the FSP, especially with regard to operation and sustainment," said Brent Clark, Interim Chief Executive Officer, DCNS Australia.

"Briefings like the one today are important as they give us an opportunity to meet with potential partners, update them on the project and let them know how to become involved. Today we will be providing an overview of the Program schedule, a description of upcoming industrial activities and an indication of when and in which areas Australian industry will have the opportunity to become engaged," said Mr Clark.

The Future Submarine industry briefings will continue around the nation in 2017, with the next briefing scheduled for 11 May 2017 in Brisbane. Further briefings will follow in Perth, Hobart and Darwin.

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