

DEFENCE SA QUARTERLY UPDATE

March 2009

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the seventh [Defence SA](#) quarterly update and the first for 2009.

The Premier and General Peter Cosgrove AC MC were delighted to welcome former Deputy Prime Minister Professor the Hon Kim Beazley AC to the State's influential Defence SA Advisory Board. As former federal Labor leader and Minister for Defence, his extensive parliamentary and ministerial experience will greatly support our aim to grow South Australia's Defence presence and build sustainable defence industries.

South Australia's reputation as an innovation and manufacturing powerhouse has been boosted with the announcement that investments worth \$67 million and up to 450 jobs will be generated under the first round of the South Australia Innovation and Investment Fund. A total of \$7.5 million was awarded for defence-related projects put forward by Broens Industries, Ferrocut Australia, Levett Engineering and the Australian Advanced Manufacturing Centre. Second round applications close 29 May 2009.

Other highlights this quarter include:

- construction of the Techport Australia Common User Facility passed 80% and strong demand continues for Supplier Precinct land, with half now sold and construction of purpose-built facilities underway
- construction of the \$100 million ASC headquarters and shipyard has passed halfway
- site preparation works underway to deliver 50 hectares of industrial land on the northern Lefevre Peninsula (Techport Australia Stages 3 and 4 and Osborne North Industrial Precinct)
- major State participation at *Avalon 2009* – Australia's International Airshow and Aerospace and Defence Exposition - including strong local defence industry participation and successful promotion of *South Australia – the Defence State* to senior Defence and defence industry representatives coinciding with *Clipsal 500 Adelaide*, and
- successful visit by Chief of Army LTGEN Ken Gillespie AO DSC CSM, with positive feedback on the State's preparations to support the relocation of the 7RAR Battalion from Darwin in 2011 – concurrently, work progresses well on the Commonwealth's construction of more than \$600 million of new facilities at the Edinburgh Defence Precinct to support the battalion.

Please call me on 08 8463 7144 if you need further information on our activities. I look forward to seeing many of you in Adelaide in late June for Australia's premier defence industry event, the *Defence+Industry 09* Conference and Trade Exhibition.

Best regards



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