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**Air Warfare Destroyer project benefiting Adelaide**

Greg Combet, Minister for Defence Materiel and Science and Mark Butler, Member for Port Adelaide, announced today that full production of Australia's three Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyers (AWD) is now underway, including at the new ASC shipyard in Adelaide.

Minister Combet said production was now underway at three shipyards across Australia - at Forgacs in Newcastle, at BAE in Melbourne and ASC in Adelaide.

"The AWD Alliance will fabricate 31 blocks for each ship at three shipyards - nine blocks at ASC in Adelaide, 12 blocks at BAE Systems in Melbourne and ten blocks at Forgacs in Newcastle. ASC is fabricating the blocks in the forward superstructure of the warships," Mr Combet said.

"The hull blocks will also be consolidated into the complete warship by the AWD Alliance at the recently opened Government of South Australia's Common User Facility (CUF), which is adjacent to the ASC shipyard," Mr Combet said.

The Federal Member for Port Adelaide, Mark Butler welcomed the announcement of this important milestone.

"The Air Warfare Destroyer project is a significant boost for South Australia's economy, with flow on benefits continuing for many years," Mark Butler said.

"The ASC shipyard currently has a production workforce of about 100 people and this will build to about 500 in the next couple of years. Overall, the AWD Alliance has a workforce of more than 700 people in Adelaide," Mark Butler said.

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