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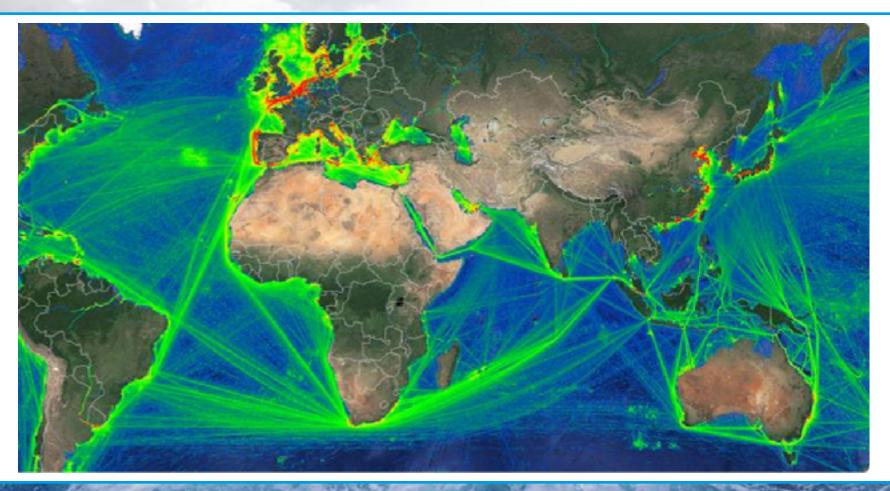
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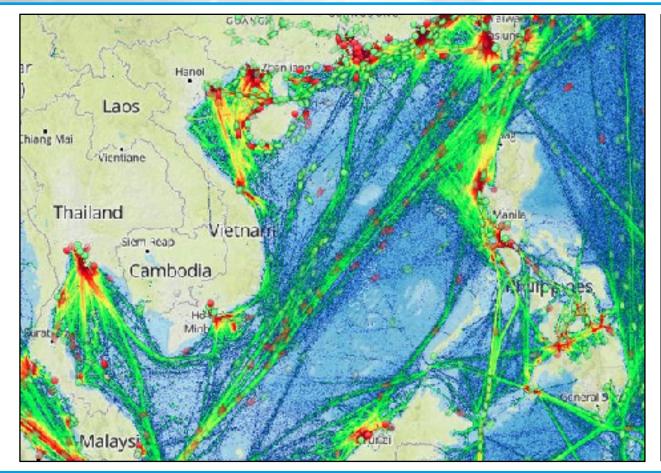


OFFICIAL Sea Lines of Communication





South East Asian SLOC



Australia's Top Trading Partners

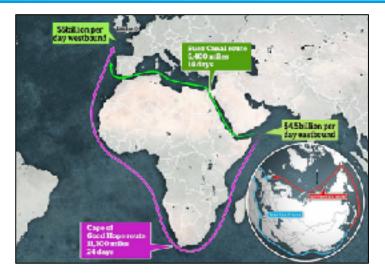
Below is a list showcasing 15 of Australia's top tracing partners, countries that imported the most Australian shipments by dollar value during 2022. Also shown is each import country's percentage of total Australian exports.

China: US\$103.9 billion (25.9% of total Australian exports)
Japan \$49 billion (12.2%)
South Koree \$24.1 billion (6%)
India: \$14.6 billion (3.7%)
United States: \$13.7 billion (3.4%)
Taiwan: \$12.6 billion (3.1%)
New Zealand: \$9.1 billion (2.3%)
Vietnam: \$9.1 billion (1.3%)
Indonesia \$7.3 billion (1.8%)
Malaysia \$5.9 billion (1.5%)
Hong Konc \$5.5 billion (1.4%)
Singapore: 4.8 billion (1.2%)
Netherlands: \$4.2 billion (1.1%)
Thailand: 3.9 billion (1%)
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Around two-thirds (67.6%) of Australian exports in 2022 were delivered to the above 15 trade partners.

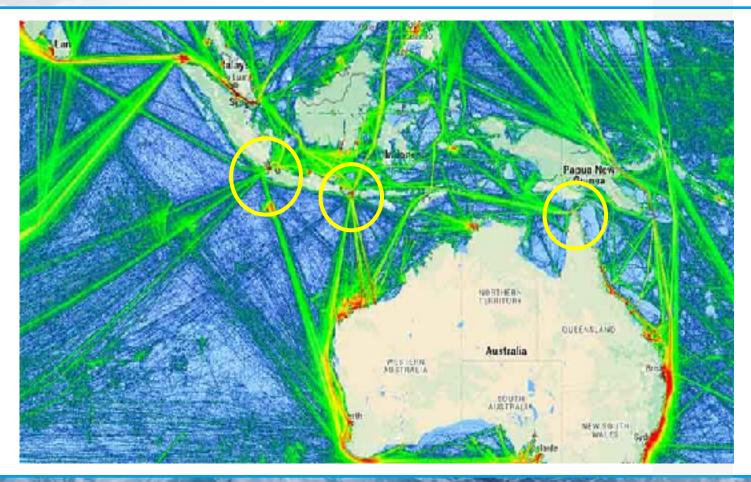


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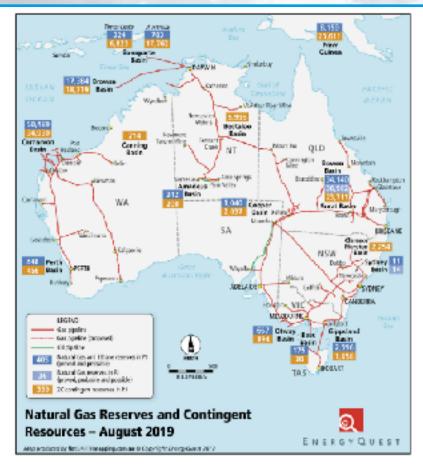
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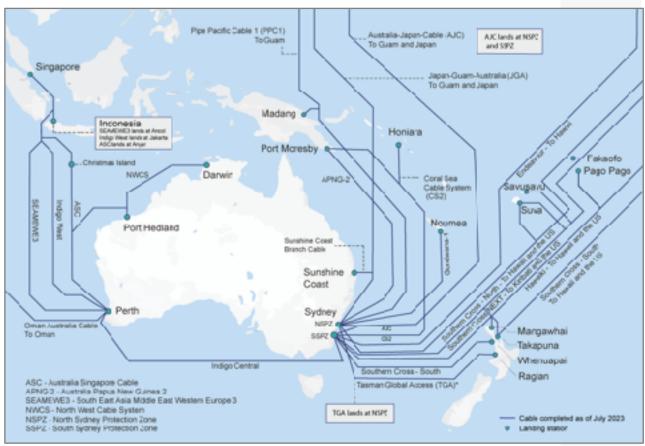






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OFFICIAL Rise of Undersea Warfare



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SFRVICE COURAGE RESPECT INTEGRITY EXCELLENCE



"If we cannot assume access to the sea, I firmly believe we should take steps to assure it.

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That means a very strong maritime capability, and in my lane, a very strong navy."

Vice Admiral Hammond Chief of Navy Australia



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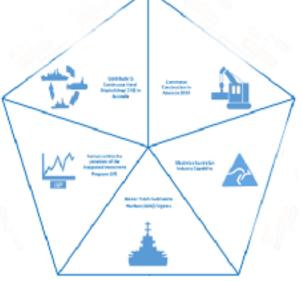
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Directed Requirement



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- Build 9 ASW Frigates
- Commence Construction in Adelaide by 2024

- Maximise Australian Industry Capability (AIC)
- Remain within the Provision of Integrated Investment Program (IIP)
- Contribute to Continuous Naval Shipbuilding (CNS)



Continuous Naval Shipbuilding



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SERVICE COURAGE RESPECT INTEGRITY EXCELLENCE



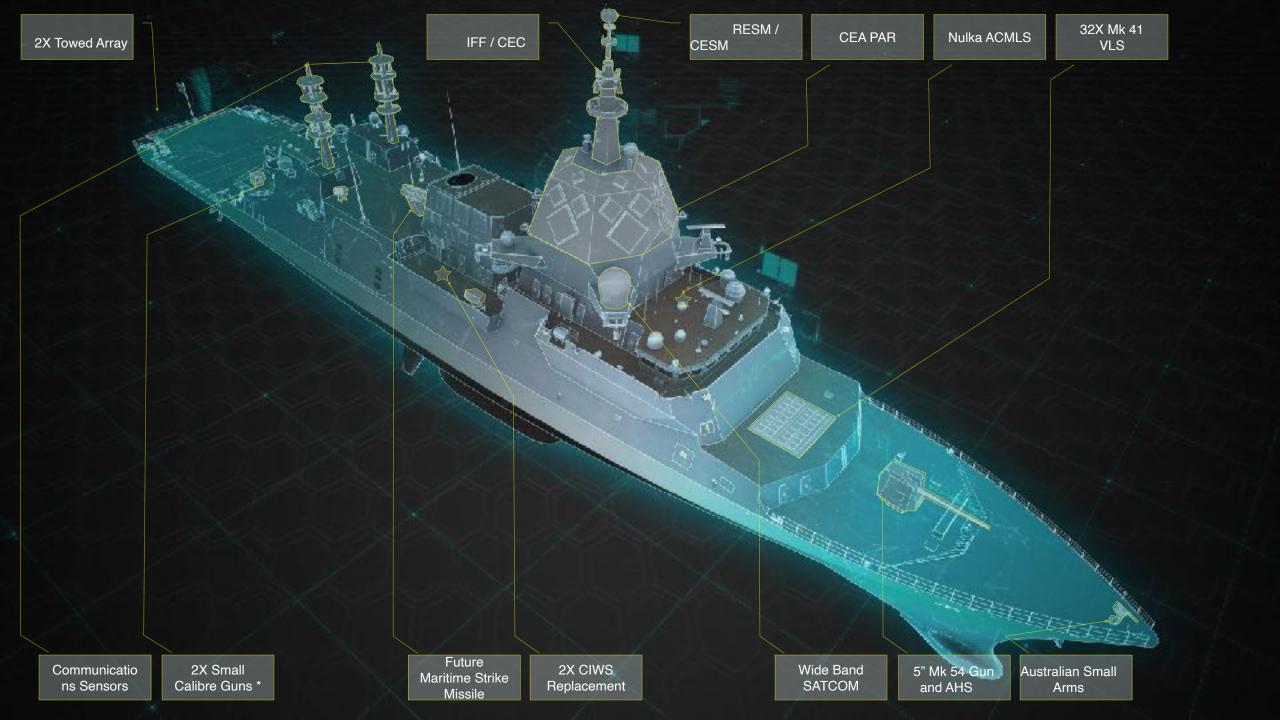


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Global Combat Ship







Naval Aviation

- Crewed and Uncrewed Systems
- Enhanced Lethality
- \$2.7 Billion over next 10 years



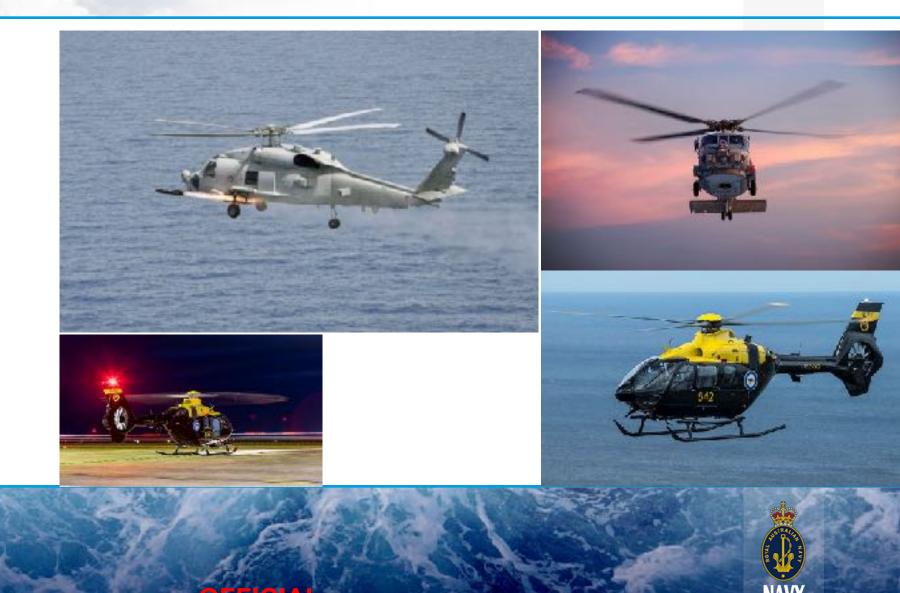




Crewed Systems

- 36x MH-60R Seahawk
 - Into the 2040s
 - Lockstep with US Navy
- 15x EC-135

- Joint Helicopter School
- Leased arrangement



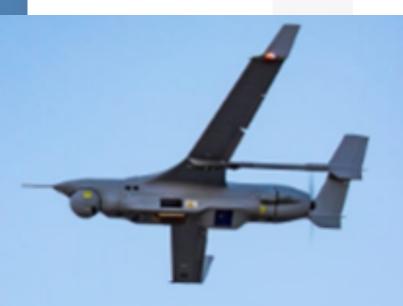
Uncrewed Systems

- Schiebel S-100 Camcopter
 - 6 systems until end-June 2024
 - No longer in line with Defence Priorities
- Integrator

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- for the Integrated Joint Force







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We are building the quietest and most capable Anti-Submarine Frigate Australian has ever operated



