

News Release Premier Jay Weatherill

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Former Elders boss to head Defence SA

Former chief executive and managing director of Elders Limited Malcolm Jackman has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Defence SA.

Mr Jackman will replace long-serving Defence SA chief executive Andrew Fletcher.

Premier Jay Weatherill has announced Mr Jackman's appointment after a selection process conducted by a high-level panel, including members of the Defence Advisory Board.

"I'm pleased to announce the appointment of Malcolm Jackman as CEO of Defence SA," Mr Weatherill said.

"This is a critical time for our defence industry and we need a strategic approach to strengthening it into the future.

"We face significant challenges to ensure major defence projects are not tendered overseas.

"This is not just about building ships, but the long-term benefits to our economy of a strong defence industry.

"Mr Jackman has demonstrated outstanding strategic judgement and skills in executing challenging projects, such as the restructure of Elders.

"With experience across sectors as diverse as agriculture, construction, mining and resources, manufacturing, automotive, banking and insurance and forestry, he has delivered results in wide-ranging and complex environments.

"Prior to his business career, Mr Jackman spent 14 years in the Royal New Zealand Navy.

"I am delighted that we have been able to secure a chief executive of the calibre of Mr Jackman for Defence SA. He will start in the role later this month.

"I would also like to pay tribute again to the outstanding service of outgoing chief executive Andrew Fletcher.

"Mr Fletcher has been instrumental in South Australia building its reputation as the defence state

"He has played a significant role in securing AWD contracts, creating Techport and overseeing SA gaining a quarter of work from the nation's defence spend. I thank him for his service to the State."

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