



## THE HON. JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Minister for Defence

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### AIR WARFARE DESTROYER SYSTEMS CENTRE DEEDS SIGNED

The Minister for Defence, the Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon MP, announced today that the \$8 billion Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) project is a step closer following the signing of a contract for its new headquarters in Adelaide, South Australia.

“The AWD Systems Centre will integrate Defence and industry partners to ensure effective decision making and provide a focus for design and project management for the delivery of Air Warfare Destroyers to the Royal Australian Navy,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

ASC on behalf of the AWD Alliance also signed the Systems Centre Assistance Deed with Defence SA, cementing South Australia’s commitment to the location of the Systems Centre in Adelaide.

As the new high tech hub of the AWD project, the AWD Systems Centre at Techport Australia will provide accommodation for 300 staff including personnel from the Commonwealth, ASC, Raytheon Australia, Navantia, Bath Iron Works, Lockheed Martin and the US Navy. The state-of-the-art facility will also be designed and constructed to achieve a 5 Star Green Star rating from the Green Building Council of Australia.

In early 2010, staff including project managers, systems engineers, naval architects, combat systems engineers, planners and procurement specialists will move from their current location in Felixstow to the new purpose-built facility adjacent to the shipyard.

The AWD Alliance is made up of the Defence Materiel Organisation, ASC as the Shipbuilder and Raytheon Australia Pty Ltd as the Combat System Systems Engineer.

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