Australia is building a resilient and globally competitive defence industrial base to support our defence force. We’re investing A$270 billion to boost defence capability over the next ten years under the 2020 Force Structure Plan.

The Defence National Manufacturing Priority road map seeks to grow scale and competitiveness in the defence manufacturing sector by:
- increasing commercialisation opportunities
- supporting businesses to diversify into new sectors or markets, and
- aggregating their capacities and expertise.

**Australian defence manufacturing strengths**

- Naval vessels including patrol boats and high speed vessels, their components and on-board systems
- Sustainment of gas turbines, jet engines and tank engines including componentry manufacture and replacement
- Special military equipment such as night vision goggles and combat protection products
- Armoured vehicles and components such as fibreglass blast protection and rugged suspension

**Defence Industry**

Over 4,000 defence industry businesses employ 30,000 staff

45% of Australian manufactured defence and aerospace goods and services are exported

**Top** defence export markets: US, UK, EU, New Zealand, Canada
Partnerships & funding

We're also investing A$1.2 billion through the Next Generation Technologies Fund and A$800 million through the Defence Innovation Hub creating opportunities for partnerships between industry, academia and government to deliver future-focused defence technologies including:

- sensors and analytics
- advanced materials
- robotics and automation
- additive manufacturing
- augmented and virtual reality.

Other support

The Centre for Defence Industry Capability helps Australian companies enter the defence sector via partnerships, grants and advisory services.

The Australian Defence Export Advocate supports the delivery of the Defence Export Strategy and advocates for Australian industry in overseas markets.

Project co-funding for eligible defence manufacturing projects is available through the A$1.3 billion Modern Manufacturing Initiative’s (MMI) translation and integration streams.

The Taskforce is offering:

- Fast track visas
- Facilitated relocation of company executive, key staff and their families
- The certainty of permanent residency
- Tailored advice to help kick start your Australian success
- Connections to industry and professional networks