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## THE REYNOLDS REPORT

WESTERN AUSTRALIA MAKING WAVES IN SHIPBUILDING

Kevin Andrews' visit – July 2015



Good afternoon,

It was a pleasure to host our Minister for Defence Kevin Andrews MP for a two day visit to our wonderful state this week. The visit was an important opportunity to showcase Western Australia's many innovative and competitive industries, particularly our thriving shipbuilding industry.

*"It is in the best interest of Australians to ensure all options for future naval shipbuilding in Australia deliver both value for money and timely military capability"*

- Senator Linda Reynolds [The West Australian July 1, 2015](#)

Although this might be unpopular with some of my eastern states colleagues, I wouldn't be doing my job as a West Australian Senator if I did not fight for the best interests of our state. Perth shipbuilders must be in the

running to win contracts to build and sustain the nation's next generation of warships and submarines. Future naval projects must be awarded on competitiveness, and not as state subsidies.



During his two days in WA, the Minister visited the [Australian Marine Complex](#) including naval shipbuilders [Austal](#), a company responsible for the design and construction of more than 250 vessels for over 100 operators in 40 countries; [Echo Yachts](#), an award winning company currently building the largest superyacht ever constructed in Australia using a range of world first techniques; and [BAE Systems](#) a contractor responsible for major defence contracts here and internationally. Minister Andrews also met with smaller innovative defence industry businesses and saw first-hand the transformative technology being developed at the [Pawsey Supercomputing Centre](#).

The CEO of Customs recently described the WA build of the new amazing [Cape Class Patrol Boats](#) as “exceptional” during Senate Estimates so it was great to witness the final product first-hand during our visit to Austal.



## Austal

Henderson is Austal's global headquarters and Australian manufacturing base.

Austal has successfully built eight [Cape Class Patrol vessels for Australian Customs](#) and Border Protection Service.

Austal is also building two 72m High Speed Support Vessels for the Royal Navy of Oman.

## Echo Yachts

Echo Yachts is located at the Australian Marine Complex in Henderson.

Echo is currently building the [largest superyacht ever constructed in Australia](#) at 84 meters and a 46m shadow vessel which is one of the largest infused fibreglass vessels ever built. Echo is now bidding for contracts for superyachts exceeding 140 meters.

## BAE Systems

BAE Systems has designed, integrated and maintained systems for the ADF since 1953. Across 35 major defence contracts, BAE provides critical support to the Army, Navy and Air Force.

BAE Systems' Henderson operation is undertaking the complete vessel refit of [all eight Anzac frigates](#) and is also installing and integrating a new anti-ship missile defence system.



*"We can deliver the capability for Australia and we do it competitively and we should absolutely have a chance to bid for any future shipbuilding project"*

- Senator Linda Reynolds [The West Australian July 2, 2015](#)

WA's innovative and internationally competitive shipbuilding industry has demonstrated military and civilian ships can be completed on time and on budget in Australia. The transition in WA's mining sector has provided both the highly skilled engineering and metal trades workforce, and the infrastructure required to support future naval projects. This has presented a unique opportunity for WA to make waves in the Australian shipbuilding industry.

I am confident that after his visit Minister Andrews has gained a more comprehensive understanding of WA's potential as a credible shipbuilding alternative for future projects.

As a Senator for WA, I am proud to see the spirit of innovation and enterprise is alive and well in our state.

Until next time,



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