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**Maritime Technical College unlocks
career opportunities for South Australians**

Today the Turnbull Government announced the Maritime Technical College, opening up career opportunities for South Australians in our future naval shipbuilding and sustainment enterprise.

Senator Fawcett said the Government's establishment of a Maritime Technical College will see Australians studying and training for careers in areas like welding and steel fabrication, as well as advanced electronics and systems.

"The College is an important part of the Turnbull Government's focus on creating sustainable Australian jobs through our \$90 billion investment in naval shipbuilding," Senator Fawcett said.

"The college will work with existing TAFEs, Universities and other providers from around the nation, supporting students as well as workers transitioning from other industries who want to be a part of our naval shipbuilding enterprise," Senator Fawcett said.

"A career in naval shipbuilding will no longer be stop-start, project to project: it has the potential to be a career spanning a lifetime.

"In less than five years there will be 5,000 people employed at the Osborne shipyard," Senator Fawcett said.

The Turnbull Government's unprecedented defence investment is creating jobs right now: Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin Australia and Raytheon have all announced plans to double the size of their respective workforces, creating an additional 900 jobs. Many of these will be based in South Australia, working on defence projects in Adelaide, RAAF Edinburgh, Techport and the Woomera range complex.

Information sessions will be held shortly on how existing education providers can become involved in the new Maritime Technical College.

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