



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HMAS *Stirling* in Western Australia will continue to be the home of Australian submarines.

Western Australia will be at the forefront of the Optimal Pathway for Australia's acquisition of a conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine (SSN) capability. This will include:

- Receiving more frequent port visits from UK and US SSNs beginning later this year
- A rotational presence for UK and US SSNs – the Submarine Rotational Force-West (SRF-West) – from as early as 2027
- Housing Australia's first SSN capability – the US Virginia class submarines – from the early 2030s.

An additional 500 direct jobs are expected to be created to sustain SRF-West over the period 2027-2032.

HMAS *Stirling* will be expanded to support the scale of infrastructure required for nuclear powered submarines – both for visiting and rotational submarines and for Australia's own nuclear-powered submarines.

The Australian Government will invest up to \$8 billion over the next decade to expand HMAS *Stirling*, creating around 3,000 direct jobs, and in turn, supporting the local economy. This includes:

- Wharf upgrades
- Operational maintenance, logistics and training facilities
- Opportunities for supporting infrastructure outside of HMAS *Stirling*.

Western Australian education institutions will also play a key role in the development of skilling programs to support workforce growth.

