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LOT FOURTEEN HERALDS NEW DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

The Albanese Government alongside the Malinauskas Government will jointly invest \$60 million towards the Advanced Defence Technologies Training Academy to be developed at Lot Fourteen, driving sovereign research and development of defence capabilities in South Australia.

From 2026, Lot Fourteen will be home to a state-of-the-art facility which will provide digital training, education and research capabilities critical to the defence industry, while aligning with other sectors including space and cyber.

The Academy will be operated by the new Adelaide University, with a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Government of South Australia, University of Adelaide and University of South Australia.

The Academy aims to strengthen South Australia's skills and talent pool while providing a unique place where research supported environments benefit from deep industry expertise.

It will leverage collaboration across industry and academia, while positioning the new Adelaide University as a significant institution for defence and national security.

Funded through the Adelaide City Deal, this is an equal and joint investment by the Australian and South Australian Governments, providing \$30 million each towards this project.

The Adelaide City Deal is a 10-year agreement between the Australian Government, the South Australian Government and the City of Adelaide to grow Adelaide as an innovative and vibrant city.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Prime Minister, Richard Marles:

“The Albanese Government is investing in sovereign defence research and development, and no better a place to do that at Lot Fourteen in Adelaide.

“As a leading innovation district dedicated to solving complex global challenges, Lot Fourteen will join the growing cohort of sovereign research which is contributing to advanced Australian defence technology and capabilities.

Quotes attributable to Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Catherine King:

“The Advanced Defence Technologies Training Academy will not only benefit South Australia, but all of Australia, by enhancing the supply of knowledge and human capital central to strengthen our sovereign capabilities and interests as a nation.

“The Academy will create a global hub for the defence industry and position Lot Fourteen as a world-class innovation hub.”

Quotes attributable to South Australian Premier, Peter Malinauskas:

“My government is not hesitating in rapidly skilling-up the next generation to deliver the most complex machines that have been built in human history.

“We are investing in training, education and upskilling South Australians to establish a future-ready workforce.

“The Academy aims to strengthen South Australia’s skills and talent pool while providing a unique place where research-supported environments benefit from deep industry expertise.”

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier, Susan Close:

Quotes attributable to Professor Peter Høj AC and Professor David Lloyd, co-Vice-Chancellors of Adelaide University:

“The Advanced Defence Technologies Training Academy at Lot Fourteen signals the role of the new Adelaide University as a national leader for defence and national security research and education.

“South Australia’s role as a trusted partner in a dynamic world is underpinned by a commitment to research in partnership with industry, ensuring that students at all levels experience the latest thinking and technology innovations in a way sets them up for future success.

“The Advanced Defence Technologies Training Academy will be unique in Australia. It will offer new fit-for-purpose premises which universities do not currently have access to, including sophisticated secure zones.”

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