

### *A peaceful and secure region*

1. Labor believes that Australia's interests lie in shaping a region that is peaceful, stable and prosperous. A predictable region, operating by agreed rules, standards and laws. Where no country dominates, and no country is dominated. A region where sovereignty is respected, and all countries benefit from a strategic equilibrium.
2. Labor is using all elements of our national power to shape the world in our interests and to shape it for the better. We will always use diplomacy as our primary effort to reduce tensions and create conditions for peace. Labor will continue to build on our strong diplomatic efforts in our region and will rebuild Australia's international development program.
3. Labor is committed to maintaining peace, regional development, positive relationships and stability across our region. Labor is committed to a peaceful and nuclear weapons free Pacific.

### *Securing Australia's Sovereignty*

4. Labor's defence policy is founded on the principles of Australian sovereignty and self-reliance.
5. Building Australia's military defence capability sits alongside our diplomatic efforts, as we play our part in collective deterrence of aggression. By having strong defence capabilities of our own, and by working with partners investing in their own capabilities, we change the calculus for any potential aggressor.
6. Defence cooperation partnerships, including with our ally the United States, are managed through robust policy frameworks and principles that maintain and protect our sovereignty. These frameworks govern the activities of foreign governments in, from or through Australia - and how we partner with other nations to acquire capabilities in line with our national interests. Australia's Defence partnerships are anchored in Australian sovereignty.
7. Labor commits that our cooperation with these partners strengthens, rather than detracts from, our sovereignty by affording us access to capability, technology, and intelligence we could not acquire on our own and provides us with an opportunity to export our defence products.
8. Making our contribution to the collective security of our region and to the maintenance of the global rules-based order - so fundamental to Australia's prosperity - is at the heart of Australia's strategic intent behind acquiring a conventionally-armed, modern and fit for purpose nuclear-powered submarine capability.
9. Labor will ensure that irrespective of whether our defence assets are developed indigenously, acquired from abroad, or developed in partnership - Australia will always make sovereign, independent decisions as to how they are employed.
10. Labor will ensure that all Australian warships, including submarines, are Australian sovereign assets, commanded by Australian officers and under the sovereign control of the Australian Government.

11. Labor believes that Australia's acquisition of submarines does not involve any ante facto commitment to participate in, or be directed in accordance with, the military operations of any other country.

*Opportunities for Australian workers*

12. Building submarines in Australia requires a truly whole-of-nation effort. The project to build Australia's SSN-AUKUS submarines is projected to create around 20,000 direct jobs; see \$30 billion invested in Australia's industrial base; including infrastructure upgrades and expansion amounting up to \$18 billion over the next three decades. This project will transform our skills, productivity, industrial capacity and science and research capabilities.
13. Labor will ensure that Australian workers will benefit from the massive investments in industry, infrastructure, and common user facilities. Labor will maximise opportunities for Australian manufacturers in defence tenders.
14. Labor will work to reverse the over-reliance on private contractors in our defence knowledge, decisions and capacity.
15. Labor will develop comprehensive defence industry policy to support and grow national manufacturing and local supply chains of critical defence resources, components, materiel, and infrastructure; including aligning Australia's domestic shipping sector with Labor's commitment to a strategic fleet. Labor will establish a tripartite industry council, including business and unions, to identify strategic manufacturing priorities in the defence industry that can be manufactured on Australian land.
16. Labor will ensure that the nuclear-powered submarine program will deliver secure, well-paid unionised jobs and establish a skills and training centre of excellence, with Australian workers trained in the latest technologies that add to Australia's sovereign capability.
17. Labor commits that Australia's SSN-AUKUS submarines will be built by Australian workers in South Australia, with a peak of 4,000 workers employed to design and build the infrastructure at Osborne and a further 4,000 to 5,500 jobs created to build the submarines.
18. In Western Australia, the home of Australia's submarine fleet, investments to expand infrastructure at HMAS *Stirling* will create around 3,000 direct jobs.
19. In other states, investment and job creation in defence manufacturing - including the manufacturing of components and maintenance - will occur as a result of the SSN-AUKUS project. This overall national industrial workforce supporting the construction and sustainment of submarines is projected to be in the range of 6,500-8,000 jobs. Building this workforce will be a priority for the coming decades.
20. Australia's submarine fleet will be serviced, maintained, and upgraded by Australian workers. There will be an identification of Australian manufacturers in the supply chain in the building, maintenance and modification of all naval vessels.

### *Nuclear Safety and Stewardship*

21. Labor will ensure that Australia continues to meet all its non-proliferation obligations and commitments under international law and retains the highest standards for nuclear non-proliferation in close cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency.
22. Labor will redouble its efforts to strengthen the nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament regime, including the NPT. Labor will ensure Australia remains fully committed to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty, known as the Treaty of Rarotonga. Labor will uphold its proud history of championing practical disarmament efforts, its commitment to high non-proliferation standards and its enduring dedication to a world without nuclear weapons.
23. Labor will ensure that Australian ports retain the capacity to host nuclear-powered vessels safely, including through having appropriate plans and procedures in place to keep workers and local communities safe.
24. Labor will maintain Australia's longstanding position of not possessing or seeking to acquire nuclear weapons.
25. Labor will maintain the prohibition on the establishment of nuclear power plants. This prohibition does not apply to a naval nuclear propulsion plant related to use in a conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine.
26. Labor will ensure Australia is a responsible nuclear steward and maintains the highest level of nuclear safety in respect of nuclear-powered submarines. This includes the establishment of an independent statutory regulator, the Australian Nuclear-Powered Submarine Safety Regulator, that will be responsible for providing independent oversight and regulation of the nuclear-powered submarine program. Labor will continue to support the important work of Australia's Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) in nuclear research and medicines as a priority.
27. Labor is committed to ensuring the management of radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel responsibly, including through an appropriately independent regulatory system. A rigorous process will determine the site of the nuclear waste facility, on the current or future Defence estate, with appropriate public consultation and agreement with First Nations communities to respect and protect cultural heritage. Australia will not be responsible for disposing spent nuclear fuel or accept other high-level radioactive waste from any other country.
28. Labor will ensure that regular updates are provided to Parliament, including relevant Parliamentary committees, and the relevant stakeholders, including defence industry, unions, and the ALP National Conference on the progress of Australia's acquisition of conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarines.

### *Governance and oversight*

29. Labor will ensure that a specific update on the submarine acquisition program is included in the annual defence update provided to Parliament, allowing for Parliamentary debate to occur on this issue.

30. Labor will ensure there is ongoing engagement with and oversight of the submarine acquisition program by making this the responsibility of a relevant standing Parliamentary committee.
31. Labor will ensure the Australian Government monitors all relevant United States and United Kingdom research and development programs into submarines including, but not limited to, programs exploring the use of low-enriched uranium in nuclear powered submarines.
32. Labor will ensure that at an appropriate time, the Australian Government outlines the process and cost estimate for accommodating the permanent storage of high-level nuclear waste.