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OSBORNE SUBMARINE CONSTRUCTION YARD

Strategic Assessment Webinar

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Australian Submarine Agency acknowledges the Kurna Meyunna people of Kurna Country, the Traditional Custodians on whose land the Osborne Submarine Construction Yard is sited. We recognise their continuing connection to traditional lands and waters and would like to pay respect to their Elders both past and present.

Join the conversation

- Thank you for your questions so far
- There will be opportunity to share your feedback for the Strategic Impact Assessment Report
- More details will be provided later in the session

Webinar outline

- Project overview
- Introduction to project partners
- Strategic Assessment overview
- Strategic Assessment approach and progress
- What we've heard so far

Project overview

- In 2021, the Australian Government announced AUKUS, a new trilateral security partnership with the United Kingdom and the United States.
- Under the AUKUS agreement, conventionally-armed nuclear-powered submarines known as the SSN-AUKUS will be constructed in Adelaide, South Australia.
- SSN-AUKUS construction will be supported by an expansion of the existing Osborne Naval Shipyard to accommodate a new Submarine Construction Yard.
- In November 2023, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and ASA agreed to undertake a Strategic Assessment of the Submarine Construction Yard as defined the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Strategic Assessment Partners



Australian Submarine Agency (ASA)

Established on 1 July 2023, to safely and securely acquire, construct, deliver, technically govern, sustain and dispose of Australia's conventionally-armed nuclear-powered submarine capability, via the AUKUS partnership.

Role: Undertaking the Strategic Assessment in collaboration with DCCEEW.



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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)

The Commonwealth's environment regulator.

DCCEEW administers the *EPBC Act* and oversees initiatives to manage protected matters, including biodiversity and heritage.

Role: Assessment of the Strategic Impact Assessment Report and endorsement of the Strategic Assessment Plan.



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**Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water**

Delivery Partner

Australian Naval Infrastructure (ANI)

Established in 2017 to support the Commonwealth's shipbuilding program.

Own, develop and manage shipbuilding infrastructure and related facilities at Osborne Naval Shipyard.

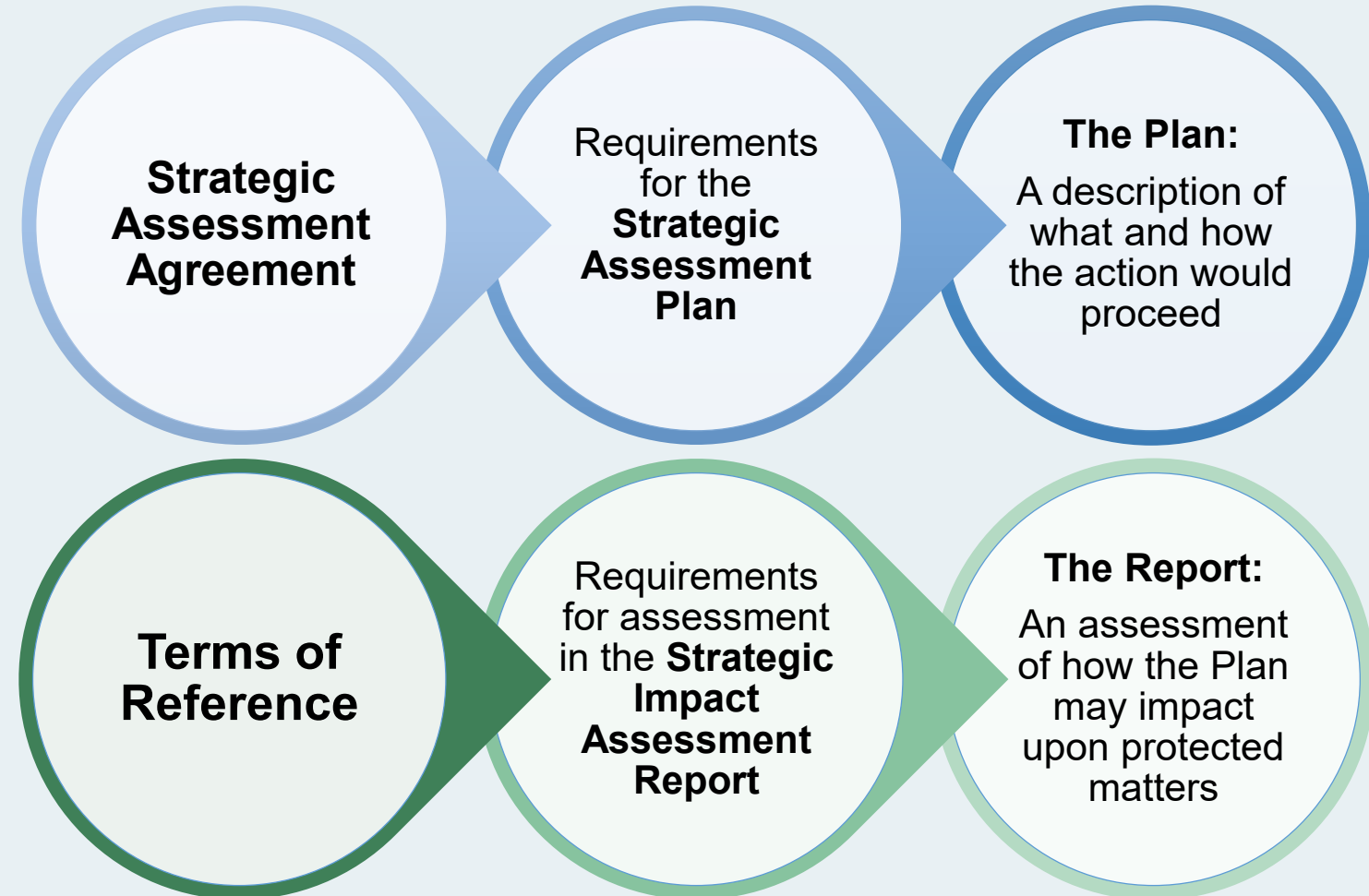
Role: Project design and delivery partner.



Aerial view looking west towards Osborne Naval Shipyard (Source: ANI 2024)

What is a Strategic Assessment?

- Process under Part 10 of the *EPBC Act*
- Cooperative approach between the Strategic Assessment partners DCCEEW and ASA
- Landscape scale assessment that can consider complex, large-scale actions
- Considers broader issues over individual actions
- Provides greater long-term certainty for the community, government, and business
- Includes detailed outcomes and commitments over an agreed timeframe



Strategic Assessment Area



- The Strategic Assessment Area is located north of the existing Osborne Naval Shipyard on the Lefevre Peninsula, approximately 19 km north of Adelaide, South Australia.
- The land is former Renewal SA land, intended for industrial use.
- The marine portion includes part of the existing Port Adelaide River channel.

What will the Strategic Assessment cover?



Construction of the Submarine Construction Yard

Building the infrastructure and facilities to construct SSN-AUKUS

Site preparation, bringing in construction materials, setting up construction facilities, and constructing buildings (e.g. footings, superstructure, cladding and fit out of sheds, workshops).

Building other facilities including security facilities, car parking, warehousing, office accommodation and worker amenities.



Operation of the Submarine Construction Yard

Building SSN-AUKUS

Aspects of manufacturing a submarine, including fabrication and steel processing.

Assembly and fit out of SSN-AUKUS.

Use of launch facility and test and commissioning bay.

Systems testing.

South Australian approvals

- South Australia has separate legislation and approvals to the Commonwealth.
- An Environmental Impact Statement is to be prepared to support the State approvals following a declaration of an impact assessed process under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (SA)*.
- Australian Naval Infrastructure is the proponent and will prepare the Environmental Impact Statement.
- Environmental Impact Statements typically consider how a Project may result in changes to environmental factors.

Our engagement goals

- Establish meaningful relationships with Local Government Authorities, local stakeholders, community and Traditional Owner groups
- Create opportunities for discussion
- Keep the community informed and aware of progress
- Listen to and explore community concerns
- Meet community expectations to engage in accordance with the *International Association for Public Participation (IAP2)* and the *South Australian Better Together Principles*



What is next for the Strategic Assessment?



The Draft Strategic Impact Assessment Report is being prepared. We are working towards completing this by mid-2024.



You will be able to read and comment on the Draft Strategic Impact Assessment Report once published. It will be open for comment for at least 28 days.



Comments received will be reviewed and collated. The Draft Strategic Impact Assessment Report will be updated.



Questions, comments or ideas in the meantime can be directed to ASA via asa.osborne.enquiries@defence.gov.au.

What we've heard so far

- Interest in the potential impact on the local flora and fauna habitats and environments.
- Interest in the overlap with current state and local government approvals.
- Interest in the use of nuclear-power at the site.

Engagement opportunities

- Planning is underway for future opportunities to discuss the Project, including in-person and virtual events. Details will be advertised in advance.
- We would love to hear from you:



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