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## **Vocational education and training a key partner in nation-building projects**

Chair of the Australian Industry and Skills Committee, John Pollaers, today welcomed the significant investment by the Australian Government in key infrastructure projects such as the \$90 billion shipbuilding program in South Australia.

“I also congratulate the Australian Government for having the foresight to establish a Maritime Technical College to deliver world-class training to support the naval shipbuilding program,” Professor Pollaers said.

Professor Pollaers said the naval shipbuilding industry, the 20-year Barangaroo project in Sydney and the future Western Sydney Airport are all examples of large infrastructure projects that depend on Australia having a flexible and highly-skilled workforce.

“Large nation-building projects like these require high-level technical skills and vocational education and training is the partner of choice to supply those skills,” Professor Pollaers said.

“The new industry-led arrangements for vocational education and training are delivering a more flexible national training system – one that is responsive to the needs of industry, and which is actively partnering with industry to deliver on these key projects. VET is critical to ensuring that Australia is innovative, productive and globally competitive,” he said.

“The new Maritime Technical College will build the highly skilled workforce Australia needs to bring the ship building project to life.”

The AISC is driving reform in the national training system to ensure it provides the skills and competencies needed by all Australian industries.

The AISC is made up of experienced industry leaders with links across the economy and provides leadership and guidance to improve the overall responsiveness, quality and relevance of VET.

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