

# Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union

## MEDIA RELEASE



### Time for South Australian Liberals to Commit to Ship Jobs

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**MEDIA CONFERENCE WITH SHIPBUILDERS AND PLEDGE SIGNING:  
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The Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (AMWU) has called on South Australian Liberals to sign the union's shipbuilding pledge to support Australian shipbuilding jobs.

Labor and many Independents and crossbenchers – including Senators Xenophon, Madigan, Lambie and Wang as well as Bob Katter MP and Andrew Wilkie MP – have already signed.

“Many South Australian Liberals in recent days have been supportive of building naval ships and submarines in Australia,” said AMWU Assistant National Secretary Glenn Williams.

“We even saw several South Australian Liberals make this a condition of their support for the Prime Minister in the leadership ballot.

“Now it's time for them to commit to Australian shipbuilders and sign onto the Union Pledge. It's not enough to allow an open tender – they need to commit to Australian jobs.

“Shipbuilders from around Australia have come to Canberra to ask the Liberals to step up and make a real commitment to Australian jobs. Now's their chance to show the 'good Government' that Tony Abbott has promised,” said Mr Thompson.

“The Prime Minister has apparently listened and consulted – now he needs to act decisively.”

*The AMWU has invited Liberals from South Australia to come and sign the pledge today:*

*Matt Williams MP, Jamie Briggs MP, Christopher Pyne MP, Tony Pasin MP, Rowan Ramsay MP, and Andrew Southcott MP, as well as Senators Edwards, Birmingham, Bernadi, Fawcett and Ruston.*

**ENDS**