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## **Indian Ocean defence**

A new WAy to think about trade and security operations and the role WA should play

### The vision

A world-class naval development and maintenance hub, an advanced centre for Australian and allied operations, and a leader in ensuring the stability of the region.



## China, Japan and the US

all retain a geostrategic focus in the Asia Pacific and Western Australia has an important role to play "The future world order will increasingly be shaped by the countries around the Indian Ocean. That will create challenges and opportunity."

Hon Christopher Pyne MP

## The time is now

#### **Globally:**

The Indian Ocean is increasingly a focal point for global trade and security operations

6/10 largest militaries

belong to nations in the Indo-Pacific region defence



2/3

of the world's annual oil shipments are moved through the Indian Ocean

#### **Locally:**

WA's location on the frontier of the Indian Ocean creates an opportunity to leverage our existing infrastructure, defence industry and trading relationships

More 1/2

of Australia's seaborne exports leave from ports on our Indian Ocean Coast 6 of the top 15

Australian trading partners are located within the Indian Ocean region

50% of world seaborne container trade

passes through the Indian Ocean region every year

The Indian Ocean is home to almost 40 separate states and almost

**40%** of the world's population

# \$2.4 billion economic value

Generated through 400 projects at the Australian Marine Complex at Henderson over the last 15 years

## 1st class xx shipbuilder XX

Head-quartered in WA and is the only foreign Prime Contractor building ships for the US Navy

# 21 Pacific Patrol Boats

and 10 Offshore Patrol Vessels being built in WA as part of the Naval Shipbuilding Plan

### \$670m investment

at HMAS Stirling and Henderson to support Australia's new frigates

