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Early consultation on Osborne Nuclear-Powered Submarine Construction Yard

Up to 4,000 Australian workers will support in the design and build of the infrastructure for the Nuclear-Powered Submarine Construction Yard in Osborne, with up to 4,000-5,000 jobs required to build the submarines themselves. Before work on the construction yard commences and this economic opportunity is realised, specific areas of the site must be considered and assessed for their suitability.

Australian Naval Infrastructure today took the next step to support this, releasing for public consultation details of the suitability of the specific site at Osborne.

A robust, staged licencing process

ANI is releasing a technical summary and providing interested stakeholders and the community an opportunity to review information, seek clarification on questions and provide feedback.

The information being released will support an application for a licence to prepare the site for a naval nuclear propulsion facility – the first in a series of licence applications which will be put to the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Regulator.

ANI EGM Corporate Affairs and People, Jane Lavender-Baker said the staged approach for licencing will provide opportunities for the community to have insight into planning and decision-making.

“The Osborne Naval Shipyard is already Australia’s most advanced and modern shipbuilding hub, and its role is planned to exponentially grow in the future,” Ms Lavender-Baker said.

“To progress our plans, we need to submit licence applications to be independently and rigorously assessed by the regulator.

“This licensing process is another opportunity to inform our community about what our plans are and seek their important feedback and input.

“Earlier in 2025 we consulted the community on our state and federal environmental requirements, and now consultation on our nuclear site preparation licence will begin.”

The site preparation licence application includes a detailed suite of technical studies that demonstrate the preferred site is suitable for the construction yard, including in relation to safety and the environment.

Ms Lavender-Baker added that ANI is releasing as much information as possible, within the bounds of security and commercial requirements.

“ANI is committed to transparent and open engagement with the community, and we welcome the opportunity to answer questions you may have about the construction yard,” she said.

“The nuclear industry is quite rightly one of the most heavily regulated in Australia. Safety and security will underpin all work at Osborne, and transparency will guide our community engagement.”

Community invited to consult

Consultation is open now and runs until 5pm on Wednesday 26 November 2025. Community and stakeholders are invited to review the available materials and provide feedback:

- Online at www.ani.com.au/public-consultation/
- Via email at communityengagement@ani.com.au
- In writing, addressed to:
Australian Naval Infrastructure
PO Box 1241
North Haven SA 5018

Four Community Drop-In will also be held:

- **Wednesday 12 November 2025**, 11:00am – 1:00pm
City of Adelaide Library, Level 3 Rundle Place, 77-91 Rundle Mall, Adelaide
- **Thursday 13 November 2025**, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
City of Port Adelaide Enfield Pop-Up Library, 171 St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide
- **Friday 14 November 2025**, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Lefevre Community Stadium, 541 Victoria Road, Osborne
- **Saturday 15 November 2025**, 12:00pm – 2:00pm
Lefevre Community Stadium, 541 Victoria Road, Osborne

For more information visit www.ani.com.au/public-consultation/.

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