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## DCNS and University of New South Wales boost collaboration on research and development

**DCNS and the University of New South Wales (UNSW) have signed an agreement to collaborate more closely on engineering and marine technologies for Australia's Future Submarine Program.**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in Sydney by DCNS Australia Chief Executive Officer Sean Costello and UNSW Vice Chancellor Ian Jacobs enters the two organisations into a relationship and establishes a framework for cooperation. This agreement builds on the existing DCNS/UNSW relationship developed over a number of years.

Co-operation between DCNS and UNSW in the areas of submarine technology will operate under stringent security requirements that govern the manner in which all information and technical data is managed.

As part of DCNS's industry plan, the investment in technologies to support Australia's Future Submarine Program will take place in close consultation with the Department of Defence.

"The signing of this MoU maps to our Australian Industry Capability Plan which aims to cultivate an innovation environment around our scientific, education and industrial community," said Mr Sean Costello, CEO, DCNS Australia.

"This signing is in lockstep with the Turnbull government's national innovation agenda which encourages the forging of stronger links between industry and universities as one of its key pillars," said Mr Costello.

DCNS was announced in April as the successful bidder to build 12 submarines for the Royal Australian Navy in Adelaide.

### About DCNS

DCNS is the European leader in naval defence and a major player in marine renewable energy. The Group's success as an advanced technology company with global reach is built on meeting customer needs by deploying exceptional know-how, unique industrial resources and an ability to develop innovative strategic partnerships. DCNS designs and builds submarines and surface combatants, develops associated systems and infrastructure, and offers a full range of services to naval bases and shipyards. The Group has also expanded its focus into marine renewable energy. Aware of its corporate social responsibilities, DCNS is a member of the United Nations Global Compact. The DCNS Group generates annual revenues of €3.04 billion and employs 12,953 people (2015 data).

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