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DEFENCE INDUSTRY MINISTER TO ADDRESS SIA CONFERENCE TODAY

The Minister for Defence Industry will provide the keynote speech on the third and final day of the Submarine Institute of Australia's (SIA) eighth biennial conference in Canberra today.

Hon Christopher Pyne MP will speak on topic, the "Australian Submarine Industry" and provide the latest insights from the Federal Government on the design and construction of 12 new submarines in Adelaide.

"Minister Pyne's address will, no doubt, further stimulate discussion and analysis of the early stages of implementation of the Future Submarine Program and build on the success of the first days of the conference," said SIA Executive Director, David Nicholls.

Highlights of the day three program include:

- 9am-9.25am: Hon Christopher Pyne MP– Minister for Defence Industry
(Presentation topic: Australian Submarine Industry)
- 4.45pm-5.10pm: Hon Richard Marles MP – Shadow Minister for Defence
(Closing Address)
- 11.15am-11.40am: Mr John Coles, CB – Author, Coles Report
(Improving Collins-class availability for the Life Extension Program)
- 9.25am-9.50am: Dr Alex Zelinsky – Chief Defence Scientist, Defence Science and Technology Group
(Science and Technology Support to the Submarine Force)

The venue for the final day of the conference is The Shine Dome, Australian Academy of Science, 15 Gordon Street, Acton.

Media representatives are welcome to attend the conference and broadcast speeches live.

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