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## HIGH-CALIBRE LINE-UP OF CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Another high-class program of speakers has been assembled for Asia-Pacific's leading forum on submarines – the 4<sup>th</sup> Submarine Science, Technology and Engineering Conference (SubSTEC4).

SubSTEC4 focuses on the unique aspects of submarine design, construction and sustainment within the recently announced broader Naval Shipbuilding Plan. Speakers at SubSTEC4, the Submarine Institute of Australia's (SIA) technology conference, include:

- Hon Christopher Pyne MP, Minister for Defence Industry;
- Hon Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia;
- Vice Admiral Tim Barrett AO, CSC, RAN, Chief of Navy;
- Mr Gerard Autret, Chief Technical Officer, DCNS Australia; and
- Mr Michael Oliver, Program Manager, Lockheed Martin Australia.

“The SIA is delighted at the response we have had from submarine stakeholders from across the spectrum to this year’s conference,” said SIA Executive Director, David Nicholls. “It has enabled us to put together a program of speakers which is set to make the event one of the best of its type in the world in 2017.

“Considerable interest has already been received from around the world in response to the call for papers. Many of the topics describe innovative new systems and materials, drawing on international experience.”

The theme of the conference is: The Australian Submarine Capability – Consolidating Emerging Technologies and Developing the Submarine Workforce.

The conference will be preceded by visits to defence industry and academic research laboratories in the greater Adelaide area.

Early bird registrations for the conference close on 30 June. SubSTEC4 will be held in Adelaide from 13-16 November. The following link contains further information about the conference program: <http://www.submarineinstitute.com/sia-conferences/program.html>.

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