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NICK XENOPHON TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE DINNER

High-profile political leader and former Senator, Nick Xenophon will be the guest speaker at the conference dinner during next week's 4th Submarine Science, Technology and Engineering Conference (SubSTEC4), which is convened by the Submarine Institute of Australia (SIA).

Mr Xenophon, who has resigned from the Senate to attempt to return to the South Australian Parliament at next year's South Australian election with his SA-BEST party, is expected to provide forthright insights into submarines and other defence issues during his speech, which will take place at the Adelaide Convention Centre next Tuesday night (14 November).

"We are pleased that Nick Xenophon has accepted our invitation to speak at SubSTEC4," said SIA Executive Director, David Nicholls.

"One of the purposes of the SIA is to promote informed discussion and debate about submarine matters and Mr Xenophon's presence will help us to achieve this objective at SubSTEC4.

"Like many in the community, Mr Xenophon's interest in the public policy environment as it relates to submarines has increased significantly in recent years and delegates attending the conference dinner will receive first-hand insights into his latest views and perspectives on Australia's submarine capability development, including the Future Submarine Program, and other defence-related issues."

Registrations for the conference dinner are being accepted until 5pm (Canberra time) tomorrow (10 November 2017). The SIA is expecting more than 250 delegates to attend SubSTEC4, which commences next Monday evening (13 November) and runs until Thursday evening. Other confirmed speakers include:

- Opening Address – Hon Christopher Pyne MP, Minister for Defence Industry; and
- Hon Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia.

SubSTEC4 is open to media representatives. Any media representative who wishes to attend and hasn't yet registered is requested to do so by no later than 3pm (Canberra time) tomorrow (10 November 2017).

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