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## Lost submarine awaits its fate

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**THE Australian and Turkish governments will soon determine the final resting place of an Australian submarine that was the first to penetrate the Dardanelles, in April 1915.**

Yesterday a joint Turkish-Australian team, meeting in Istanbul, recommended the AE2 be preserved where it lies, at a depth of 73m at the bottom of the Sea of Marmara.

They argued the location should be marked by two permanent buoys, the hull monitored by an anti-intruder device and steps taken to prevent further corrosion. The team had also considered moving the AE2 to a shallower site, and the more costly idea of raising it for display on land.

Defence Minister Joel Fitzgibbon, who opened the weekend talks, said cost implications would be considered when making the final decision.

The AE2 got through the Dardanelles on April 25, 1915, providing a major morale boost to Allied forces at Gallipoli, but was scuttled after encountering a Turkish gunboat.

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