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**RELEASE OF THE 2020 DEFENCE STRATEGIC UPDATE AND 2020 FORCE STRUCTURE PLAN**

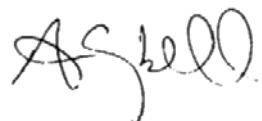
**2020 Defence Strategic Update and 2020 Force Structure Plan**

1. The Prime Minister today released the 2020 Defence Strategic Update, along with the 2020 Force Structure Plan.
2. The Defence Strategic Update sets out a new strategic defence policy that will guide all aspects of defence planning across strategy, capability, reform and communications.
3. This follows Defence's review of the policy settings underpinning the 2016 Defence White Paper. The Update outlines important adjustments that are required to better position Australia to respond to changes in the strategic environment.
4. The 2020 Force Structure Plan details the planned adjustments to the Australian Defence Force's capabilities to deliver on the Government's new defence strategic policy.
5. You are encouraged to read the 2020 Defence Strategic Update and 2020 Force Structure Plan. Electronic copies are available at the [Strategic Update 2020 webpage](#)<sup>1</sup>.
6. Detailed classified guidance on the implementation of the new defence policy will be included in the forthcoming Defence Planning Guidance 2020-21.

For queries related to the Defence Planning Guidance 2020-21 please contact [sp&i-sp-spol-sp@dpe.protected.mil.au](mailto:sp&i-sp-spol-sp@dpe.protected.mil.au). For queries related to the 2020 Force Structure Plan please contact [hfd.corro@defence.gov.au](mailto:hfd.corro@defence.gov.au).



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.defence.gov.au/StrategicUpdate-2020/>