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### **Saab Australia cements its role as the Royal Australian Navy's sovereign CMS provider**

Saab Australia (Saab) has cemented its role as the nation's sovereign combat management system (CMS) provider for the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) Surface Fleet following the signing of the final stage of the Enterprise Partnering Agreement (EPA).

Saab Australia's Managing Director, Andy Keough said the signing was the culmination of the prior mandate made by Government to nominate Saab as the nation's sovereign CMS provider to the Royal Australian Navy's Surface Fleet, and paves the way for the next chapter in the company's support of the RAN.

"The EPA signing demonstrates our ongoing commitment to the RAN and to the creation of sovereign capability, building on the great work we have already completed for the Commonwealth," he said.

"It serves as recognition of the strong track record Saab has demonstrated in reliably delivering excellence in CMS capability to the Navy for more than three decades.

"Importantly, it ensures we can continue to evolve the Navy's capability, create local jobs, and deliver an Australian CMS (AusCMS) that meets the needs of the RAN in an evolving geo-political landscape.

"As a key part of the Government's enterprise approach to shipbuilding, realisation of the EPA will see Saab's AusCMS equip up to six classes of warships in the surface fleet, along with developing the Australian Interface for the Hunter and Hobart classes.

"Three decades after a group of Swedish engineers transferred expert command and control capability to Australia, Saab enjoys a long and proud history of developing, delivering and evolving CMS capability for the exacting needs of our RAN, and the protection of Australia.





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“During the last thirty-four years, Saab has forged a strong partnership with the RAN and we look forward to this enduring partnership continuing for decades to come in delivering a sovereign CMS capability.”

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### **Background**

*What is a CMS? A Naval Combat Management System (CMS) is the computer software system that connects a naval ship's sensors, weapons, data systems, and other equipment providing the operator with an integrated operating system.*

*Saab is a leading defence and security company with an enduring mission, to help nations keep their people and society safe. Empowered by its 18,000 talented people, Saab constantly pushes the boundaries of technology to create a safer, more sustainable and more equitable world. Saab designs, manufactures and maintains advanced systems in aeronautics, weapons, command and control, sensors and underwater systems. Saab is headquartered in Sweden. It has major operations all over the world and is part of the domestic defence capability of several nations.*

