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OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDEN-MONARO IN THE ‘WORKFORCE BEHIND THE DEFENCE FORCE’

Liberal Senator for New South Wales, Senator Arthur Sinodinos today welcomed the Turnbull Government’s *Workforce Behind the Defence Force* information campaign.

The campaign highlights the need for a skilled and effective workforce to take part in the Government’s historic \$200 billion investment to grow Australia’s defence capability, securing our nation and building our industrial capacity at the same time.

The *Workforce Behind the Defence Force* campaign encourages local businesses and workers in Eden-Monaro to take the opportunities that are available to them in Australia’s growing defence industry.

Senator Sinodinos said that in Eden-Monaro companies like SME Gateway, Illuminated Solutions, and Canberra Data Centres, in the software, project management, and computer services sectors respectively, were already taking part, but other local businesses should also look to get involved.

SME Gateway CEO, Stuart Althouse, says, “We’ve been working closely with the Turnbull Government to advocate getting small businesses involved in defence industry. It’s been great to see the growth in their involvement, which is creating jobs and strengthening the economy.”

Senator Sinodinos said, “There are many jobs and opportunities for Australian businesses within the expanding defence industry sector and its supply chain; from welders for our massive shipbuilding project to cabling on new trucks, from concreting for the warehouses on our bases to IT services for the back office.”

“This means if you’re transitioning between jobs in Eden-Monaro then take a look at working in the defence industry. If you’re a business looking for a new opportunity then see how you could work with Defence. If you’re studying in Eden-Monaro then take a look at the options in the defence industry for graduates,” Senator Sinodinos said.

Information on the campaign and on defence industry opportunities is available at:
www.defenceindustry.gov.au

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