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FEWER PRESS RELEASES, MORE JOBS, PLEASE

Two weeks ago the Government signed up to the biggest procurement in Australia's history, and the country had to find out from news reporting that it didn't guarantee a single Australian job.

Today the Government announced they'd signed "another important document for the future of Australia's submarines" – so important they bothered to write a whole 57 words to explain what it was.

This simply isn't good enough. The Future Submarine program is worth \$50 billion, is years behind schedule, and the Government has spent years walking away from its commitment to Australian industry.

Australians deserve to know what the Government is signing up to and what it means for jobs and defence capability in our country, not just an endless stream of self-serving press releases.

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