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**WHAT'S WRONG WITH AUSSIE STEEL?**

Labor calls on the Turnbull Liberals to honour their commitment to use Australian steel on the Future Submarines.

During evidence provided to a parliamentary inquiry on Tuesday, Future Submarine project head Rear Admiral Gregory Sammut [reportedly](#) said that the Future Submarines may not have an Australian-made steel hull.

This is contrary to what senior Defence Departmental officials said during a Senate estimates hearing only a week and a half ago:

*“As you know, the Prime Minister announced that future submarines will be built with Australian steel. The specifications for that in terms of the future submarine are in development right now... That work is going forward in a robust manner.”*

**MR STEVE JOHNSON - GENERAL MANAGER SUBMARINES, [SENATE ESTIMATES HANSARD](#), WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH 2017**

For 12 months the Defence Industry Minister Christopher Pyne has been spruiking that the Future Submarines Project will be built using Australian Steel:

*“An all-Australian build with Australian steel, Australian jobs and Australian subs was a recommendation from the Department of Defence and that's the one that we took,”*

**CHRISTOPHER PYNE, [SMH](#), 27 APRIL 2016**

Now that the design project has been signed, it is clear that Malcolm Turnbull and his Ministers, Christopher Pyne and Marise Payne, have not delivered what they

promised to Australian steel workers and Australian manufactures who want to help build the next generation of Australian submarines.

The Liberals went to the election with the promise that the Future Submarine project would maximise Australian jobs and local content.

Having just scraped through at the last election, the Liberals now appear to be remarkably complacent with the plight of Australian steel jobs.

The Turnbull Liberals must stand by their election commitment and manufacture the Future Submarines in Australia, using Australian workers and Australian steel.

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