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**PYNE MARITIME INDUSTRY COLLEGE PLAN SECURES ZERO JOBS FOR  
AUSTRALIANS**

Christopher Pyne has finally recognised his government has failed to make sure Australia has the skills to build ships we need for our country's security. It's a shame it's taken him so long to get there.

There's only one problem: where are the jobs?

The bald truth is the Turnbull government is cutting jobs from ASC Pty Ltd, not adding them.

Here's another truth: these cuts are because the Turnbull government neglected local industry. The 'Valley of Death' which has cost Australia nearly 1,000 jobs due to the Government's inability to deliver national ship-building projects for local industry, was created by the Liberal government's decision not to build our new supply ships here.

Today's announcement won't guarantee a single job for a single automotive worker this year – or any year.

Now that the minister has recognised his government has utterly failed on skills, it's time he admitted he's utterly failed on jobs.

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