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**AUSTRALIA NEEDS SHIPS THAT WORK**

Australia need amphibious ships that work. They keep our troops safe when they're in harm's way. They help Australians during time of need, like recovering from Cyclone Debbie.

Today's reports tell us those ships are stuck in harbour indefinitely. They can't help anyone there.

Australia has two Defence ministers looking after HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide. Australia deserves better than two Defence ministers who are too busy with political jockeying to do their day job of making sure our troops are safe and our military equipment works.

One of those ministers needs to come out today and tell us what is going on with these ships.

One of those ministers needs to come out today and tell us what they're doing to get these ships into service.

And one of those ministers needs to come out today and tell us when these ships will be ready to do the job we need them to do – help keep Australia safe.

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