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**ANAO REPORT SHOWS A GOVERNMENT MORE CONCERNED WITH
ANNOUNCEMENTS THAN NATIONAL DEFENCE CAPABILITY NEEDS**

The Liberals' obsession with prioritising announcements over our national Defence capability needs has been panned in the ANAO's report into the naval construction program today.

The report shows the Liberals:

- chose a winner for the Offshore Patrol Vessel tender without knowing how much it would cost;
- made decisions about the Future Frigate program timeline that
"..presented such extreme risk that cost and schedule over-run was likely, and that to proceed on the current schedule had the potential for severe reputational damage to Defence and the Government.";
- have blown out the cost of the first phase of the Naval Shipbuilding College by 250%, and haven't provided any ongoing funding;
- have no real plan for our shipbuilding workforce; and
- failed on their promise to move 200 workers at the Osbourne shipyard in South Australia onto new building projects.

Competent ministers who cared more about building and ensuring our national defence needs than getting their names in the paper would not have let this happen.

It's time we had a Government focussed on our national interest, not their media mentions.

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