



**Sharon Grierson MP**  
Federal Member for Newcastle

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## **More jobs at Forgacs to build new Air Warfare Destroyers**

Sharon Grierson, Federal Member for Newcastle, today welcomed news that local shipbuilder Forgacs would employ up to 70 additional workers to do more work on the Navy's new Air Warfare Destroyers.

Forgacs have been awarded the work as part of a Federal Government project on three additional hull blocks for the first of the three new Australian-built Ships.

"This is great news for a great local company," Ms Grierson said.

"The contract is worth around an additional \$40 million and Forgacs are currently looking for 70 tradespeople as they take on this extra work.

"It's a big tick for the Hunter's shipbuilding industry."

"At peak production around 320 people will be working on these new Ships at Forgacs' Tomago Shipyard."

"That is very good news for our local economy."

Ms Grierson said that blast and paint work on the blocks for the new Ships would start at Forgacs next week.

"Forgacs built a \$3 million facility to do this blast and paint work," Ms Grierson said.

"I want to congratulate Stephen Forgacs, Tony Lobb and all the workers at Forgacs for the great work they're doing to build Australia's new warships."

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