

# Media Release

## Andrew Broad

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### **DEFENCE FUEL PROGRAM TO ASSURE INDUSTRY**

The Federal Coalition Government has announced a \$1.1 Billion Defence Fuel Transformation Program set to deliver a safer, simpler and more assured defence industry.

Federal Member for Mallee and Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister Andrew Broad has welcomed the initiative after raising concerns about the country's fuel storage earlier this year.

"This is a very positive step in the right direction, essentially the program will make investments in the Defence fuel network that will allow for more flexibility and opportunity in the industry," Minister Broad said.

"It will ensure we have a Defence fuel network with reduced risk, less disruption and will also be a cost saver to the industry."

The program is valued at \$1.1 billion and will be delivered over the next 30 years.

Minister Broad commended the work of the newly appointed Minister for Defence The Hon Christopher Pyne who announced the program last week.

"The first role of the Australian Government is the security of its people. I have been concerned about our fuel reserves for defence for a long time, and I am pleased that these concerns are being addressed," Minister Broad said.

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