

Treaties Committee supports first AUKUS agreement

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The [Joint Standing Committee on Treaties](#) has recommended the Government move to ratify the Agreement with the United States and United Kingdom for the Exchange of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information (ENNPI).

Committee Chair [Mr Dave Sharma MP](#) said ‘This Agreement will help determine the optimal pathway for acquiring nuclear-powered submarines for the Royal Australian Navy, one of the most important strategic military capabilities for Australia in the decades ahead.’

“The Agreement will allow for the exchange of sensitive and classified naval nuclear propulsion information with a third country for the first time, and provide a mechanism for Australian personnel to access training and education from UK and US counterparts, essential for learning how to safely build, operate and support nuclear-powered submarines.”

“With our security environment growing more challenging in the decades ahead, a regionally superior submarine capability is critical to safeguard Australia’s security,’ said Dave Sharma MP. “This Agreement will help facilitate this capability,” he added.

‘The proposed Agreement will not affect Australia’s strong commitment to nuclear non-proliferation,’ Mr Sharma said.

[The Report](#) can be found on the [Committee website](#), along with further information on the inquiry.

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