



Land Project 8710 – Phase 1

Army Littoral Manoeuvre

This modernisation effort will be realised through the acquisition of a medium landing craft and an amphibious vehicle through LAND 8710 Phases 1A and 1B respectively. The acquisition of Phase 1A will enable Army to retire the in-service landing craft, the LCM-8, and introduce the next-generation Littoral Manoeuvre Vessel – Medium, which will be capable of manoeuvring Army’s future vehicles and offensive capabilities in littoral and riverine environments. Phase 1B will see the acquisition of a new amphibious vehicle, the Littoral Manoeuvre Vessel – Amphibious, that will replace the in-service LARC-V, providing a comparable over-the-shore capability.

Australian Industry

The project gained Government First Pass approval in December 2020 and approached the market for both the LMV-M through Phase 1A and LMV-A through Phase 1B in December 2021. Tenders for Phase 1A will close in mid-June 2022 and tenders for Phase 1B will close in September 2022. Defence is committed to maximising Australian Industry participation in the detailed design, build, maintenance and support elements of the project.

Future phases of LAND 8710 will deliver a Littoral Manoeuvre Vessel – Heavy, a Littoral Manoeuvre Vessel – Patrol and new Army Littoral Manoeuvre basing in Darwin and Townsville.