
POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Australia – Combat Control System MK2 Block 1C Mod 6 Tactical Subsystems**

The Government of Australia has requested a possible sale of up to nine Combat Control System (CCS) MK2 Block 1C Mod 6 Tactical Subsystems (includes six ship sets, one integration/test/ training module, and two engineering design modules), support/test equipment, spare and repair parts, supply support, training, documentation, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and program management support. The estimated cost is \$75 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an ally which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Western Pacific region.

This proposed sale would not affect the military balance within the region. The CCS MK2 will be installed on an already existing fleet of diesel electric submarines, will improve the capabilities of the COLLINS-class submarines, and will enhance interoperability with the U.S. submarine force. The proposed sale of the MK2 CCS is another step in the Royal Australian Navy's commitment to further improving effectiveness of the COLLINS class submarine.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems of Tewksbury, Massachusetts. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two U.S. Government representatives for up to three years to Australia.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.