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Austal has three major ship building facilities. Defence vessels are designed and constructed in [Henderson, Western Australia](#) and [Mobile, Alabama](#). Commercial vessels are constructed in [Balamban, Philippines](#). Vessel support is provided through service centres located in [Darwin, Cairns](#) and Henderson in Australia; [San Diego, California](#); Balamban, Philippines and [Muscat, Oman](#).^[7] Corporate headquarters are co-located at Austal's Australian ship building facility in Henderson.^[8]

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