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Aukus must use UK tech and boost UK jobs

The Aukus security pact must use UK tech and guarantee UK jobs, GMB Union says ahead of a meeting between Rishi Sunak, US President Joe Biden and Australian PM Anthony Albanese.

The leaders will meet in San Diego today [Monday] to discuss the trilateral agreement between Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The project can boost jobs at Rolls Royce in Derby, BAE Systems in Barrow, and throughout the wider supply chain, the union says.

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Matt Roberts, GMB National Officer, said:

“I was in Barrow-in-Furness recently and the technology and skills capabilities in the yard are world-leading. UK workers will tick all the boxes for our Australian allies as they join this endeavour for our mutual peace and security.

“It's absolutely crucial UK skills utilisation is maximised as the Aukus pact becomes a reality of the coming years.

“GMB is unashamedly pro-defence, and we urge the Prime Minister to make the strong case for UK shipbuilding when he meets with his fellow leaders today, and bring home a good deal for UK jobs and workers.”

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