

Labour's opposition to Australia security deal threatens 100s of UK jobs



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GMB, the defence manufacturing union, says a motion carried by Labour Conference that opposes the recent information and technology sharing agreement with Australia threatens hundreds of UK manufacturing jobs.



The motion – carried today – resolves to oppose the AUKUS agreement, a trilateral security pact between Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States

Under the deal, hundreds of jobs could be secured at Rolls Royce in Derby, BAE Systems in Barrow, Babcock sites, and throughout the wider supply chain.



Hazel Nolan, GMB Regional Secretary, said:

“Labour Conference has proven itself to be out of touch and on the wrong side of job creation once again.

“It is grossly irresponsible for Labour delegates to pass such a misleading and factually incorrect motion that undermines industries where jobs are under threat.

“This deal could be a real opportunity for UK manufacturing. To dismiss it out of hand is nonsense.

“If it ever wants to be in power, Labour needs to get back to its roots and speak up for jobs and the concerns of working people.”

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