

# Aussie superpower

## PART 3

Last issue I discussed in some depth the suite of defensive weapons/systems HMAS Melbourne can deploy – SM2, ESSM, 76mm [3 inch] rapid-fire naval artillery gun, CIWS, chaf and flares, and Nulka – and said I'd get around to offensive weapons this time.

But that's a short list. And, while any weapon [even those above] could, strictly speaking, be deployed in an offensive capacity, it's highly unlikely they would.

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.50 cal door gun on HMAS Melbourne's Seahawk