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About the Futures Hub

The Futures Hub is an NSC initiative. Led by an expert team, it is designed to facilitate whole-of-government and whole-of-nation futures projects.

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The National Security College is a joint initiative of The Australian National University and Commonwealth Government. The NSC offers specialist graduate studies, professional and executive education, futures analysis, and a national platform for trusted and independent policy dialogue.

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