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Conflict is a human reality. Learning how to anticipate, deal with and disarm conflict situations without killing others and destroying the environment is a far more productive use of resources than the military option.

Creating security is multifaceted. The Public Discussion Paper has identified some of the threats to security which are present today. Continuing with military weaponisation which is now expanding to outer space is madness for the planet. Australia's security should not rely on military force. Rather than a defensive approach, in this day and age Australia's interests are best served by putting the enormous resources required by trying to keep up with military hardware into actively promoting peace making. Therefore I support the establishment of a Department of Peace to research and actively develop peace tools in Australia and with our neighbours.

For the Department of Defence, I recommend:

- A foreign policy that is committed to dialogue and preventive diplomacy
 - The inclusion of women in the policy making, especially women who have been the victims of war making
 - The decline of dependence on the US alliance
 - The removal of US and other spy bases on Australian soil
 - A halt in the policy of securing more sophisticated military weapons
 - An end to research, development and trading of arms
 - An end to Australia's involvement in war games
 - No Australian overseas armed involvement unless under the auspices of the United Nations
 - Efforts to ban the production of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons
 - Government regulation of any research and development with possible applications to weapons of mass destruction
 - Non-cooperation with repressive regimes
 - The establishment of nuclear free zones in our region
 - An increase in cultural exchange and education opportunities for our poorer neighbours
 - The use of the military for constructive peacemaking and humanitarian purposes
 - Information sharing and the use of policing in dealing with the terrorist threat
- Australia's security and national interest must be underpinned by the preservation of human life, the basic human rights of all, care of the earth and our responsibility to future generations.

I agree to my submission being published on the Defence website

I agree to my submission being quoted in the Community Consultation Report