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Submission: submarines:

when considering replacement of the Collins class we must only buy nuclear powered subs, for range, speed to reach the patrol area and speed to catch a capital ship at full speed on the ocean. conventional subs ,whist creeping around in a litorial capacity can be usefull this is a very expensive weapon for little in the way of impact and deterrence.A cost comparison of a cruise missile sub with say the equivelent number of F-111s and support tanker shows clearly the F-111 would deliver more ordinance, quicker and at longer range and be more survivable than the sub.(and also having powerfull anti ship capacity) the sub takes forever to reach its patrol zone, cant replenish its weapons and is vulnerable. lets therefore analyse very carefully the cost/benefits. and if it's not to be nuclear..forget it.

AWD:

must have 4 to do the job, order another emediately.

AS/Asu helicopters:

the Seaprite was cancelled at huge cost to the taxpayer (one billion)with no replacement. how could such stupidity be tolerated.this system was unacceptable because following the Sea king disaster the airwotrthiness rules were changed, affecting all new deliveries . The Seaprite was ordered under a previous air worthiness requirement. If war clouds were on the horizon this decision would never be considered. Bad decision.Its either safe or it's not and this can be demonstrated.The other matters were minor. if Defence dont reverse this, (and political guts required) a new helo and its obviously the NH 190 navalised, should be ordered asap.

anti submarine:

this area is due for a new study with a view to enhancement, as I believe it is an area neglected in the last decade and conversly a substantial and growing number of subs are being delivered in our region. a study of China and Indias' programme will show just why this is a big worry.

patrol boats:

a contingency plan is needed to convert these to anti submarine and antiship together with pilotless helo in the event of a deterioration of relatiions with our near neighbours. I would be inclined to order say 4 more Armidales in this role...to prove up ,training and early availability.

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