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Submission: The quality of Defence Intelligence depends in a large part on the variety and quality of sources of intelligence and the opportunity for verification and evaluation of the data collected.

I believe there is a case for Australia to have its own surveillance satellites covering the principal areas of interest.

I am open to the concept that such coverage can be achieved, at least in some instances, by the deployment of UAV platforms.

Without duplicating US resources it should be possible to provide sources of verification for data collected by US satellite services.

Where high quality resources do not currently exist in Australia a concerted effort should be made to develop new and different technologies that would contribute to the quality and quantity of the collaborative effort in this field.

Historically the dividend produced by DSD and its equivalents in allied countries has been decisive in times of national danger. All governments must ensure that such resources can provide the best quality of dividend possible.

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