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Submission: Defence industry in Australia is very limited and I believe that while ensuring our forces have good quality equipment we should not necessarily be buying the cheapest from whomever so much as some times spending a little more in our own country to support and grow those industries and also encourage others to be "born" is the way to go. It should be remembered that in times of war equipment initially bought from overseas may not have the back up of spare parts/technical advice etc if the relevant overseas government does not agree with our policies.

It should also be remembered that slightly greater spending in the short term can relate to greater savings in the long term including a much greater defence export market.

Defence industry can in any case overrun into the civil arena inas much as, for example, building ships for the non militaty area between building naval ships. A simplistic point but one that illustrates all sorts of paths.

We should also support industry under the defence spending umbrella such that semi linked with defence it can come to the fore if needed.

In this case I am thinking of a stronger ship building capability linked with the shipping lines such that in an emergency then "our" civil ships can be utilised. Note: STUFT Ships during the Falklands War. (Ships Taken Up From Trade).

There are many situations where Australia is losing it,s industry in favour of imports and this takes away from our ability to stand on our own feet if need be, as well as the negative effects on our day to day peaceful existance.

Thankyou for the opportunity to say what I think Regards Roger Jones

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