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Submission: Worldwide, defence spending is 1.4 trillion dollars. This amount approximates to \$202 per every person in the world. Australia's last budget had \$22 billion allocated for spending on the military, over a thousand dollars per person. What sort of threat could possibly justify Australia's exorbitant spending on the military, which is (per population) five times more than the world average?

The gratuitous spending on defence is especially offensive considering how poorly this money has been invested. Expensive projects that run over-time and over-budget, for inefficient our outdated technologies seem to typify Australia's attitude to spending.

The funding for defence is exorbitant and poorly allocated. It would be better spent in facing the far greater threat that is climate change.

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