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Submission: Dear Sir,

I think that we should be spending more on defence and can afford as much as 3.5% of GDP linked with that being spent within Australia directly on defence and indirectly on assisting our defence industries to develop further.

It should be remembered that all of the defence industries can have a very beneficial effect on the civil arena and also if the defence industries develop then this opens up greater export possibilities.

In times of war or severe crisis then we will need our own industrial backup to our military forces and not be so dependant on others.

It is not so much a question of can we afford greater funding for defence so much as can we afford not to afford that greater funding.

The time has come for this magnificent country to stand on its own two feet.

Thankyou for the opportunity to put forward my point of view.

Kind Regards

Roger Jones

I agree to my submission being published on the Defence website

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