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Submission: Your current Defence Review 2008 indicates that our current budget for defence is \$21.7bn Australian Dollars. This represents 1.8 per cent of GDP with the provision of 3 per cent per year increase in the budget amount not in the GDP . Whilst this sounds a large amount of funding it is still not keeping up with other nations in our immediate region. We should be sourcing amounts in the order of 5 per cent of the GDP with an annual increase to keep up with inflation. To supply less will give us a choice of either keeping the Australia we know or to trade off sections of our country and our lifestyle, if we cannot look other nations in the eye on the same level we will forever be nothing but a colonial state of some other country. We must allow for block obsolescence with a target date of 2030. leasing equipment to infill and assist our current equipment to survive to the program removal date and to institute into Defence a National Guard to cover all citizens from the age of 18 to 45 years on standard recruit pay levels.

I agree to my submission being published on the Defence website

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