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Submission: My submission to the Defence Department White Paper is to bring to notice a United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 that was passed in October 2000. Australia, as a Member State, has recognized this Resolution but, to my knowledge, has not made attempts within the Australian Military Forces to attend to the obligations and implementations.

To quote an annotation from the UNSC Resolution 1325, 2000:  
"1325 highlights the human rights abuses of women and children during wartime but also aims to address the gender imbalance when it comes to conflict resolution, peacekeeping and security and calls for a new gender perspective. It acknowledges women as powerful actors in the process of peace and security"

A Non Government Organization Working Group on Women, Peace and Security relating to UNSC Resolution 1325 states that there must be a  
"move from rhetoric to the realization of 1325 and its powerful ideals. . . [so that the ] many strategies and developments . . . take place [and] key actors, institutions and processes . . .[can be] identified and many obstacles overcome"

Much of the Australian Defence Forces work is in peacekeeping. This UNSC Resolution 1325 highlights the role of women in maintaining their community during and post conflict. Their skills and experiences are relevant in any peacekeeping activity.

My submission asks that the Defence Department becomes more involved with this UNSC Resolution 1325 and ensures that a greater profile is given to the implications and consequent ramifications for the Defence Forces.

I agree to my submission being published on the Defence website

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