

## HOME GUARD

I believe Australians should have a Home Guard, based on volunteer groups e.g. Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades as they already have communications, command structure and vehicles, mainly in country areas.

In my area (south west of West Aust) farmers could provide 4WD radio equipped vehicles, motorbikes and they have local knowledge regarding fuel supplies, acquiring food and repair workshops.

Training could include Military warfare, Medical, Fire Fighting, Civil Defence and Rescue.

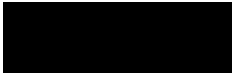
Payment could be either money or tax credits to attract busy business people and farmers or promote patriotism, e.g. "If you want to live in Australia then be prepared to defend it".

No age limits, if a person can do the job then they are in.

If it was expanded to include every capable person then 10 million determined and armed Australians would be a formidable deterrent but would not threaten our neighbours.

Switzerland's Citizen Army protects the Swiss so why couldn't Australia have one.

The United States can't deal with Russia, China and the Muslim world at once and also protect us.

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## AIR POWER

I think to spend billions of dollars on Hornets and 100 untested Joint Strike Fighter aircrafts that can only operate from a few vulnerable air bases is the wrong strategy. The aircraft will all be destroyed in the first days of the next war (probably by a suicide team with hand grenades).

We should be equipping our Air Force with a thousand Harrier Jets (with the latest missiles) or similar aircraft that can operate from roadways and farm airstrips through out the country areas, not air bases.

Sweden's air defence has something similar.

Farmers could be encouraged to build suitable airstrips with tax incentives (or patriotism)

A very mobile support crew could be helped by a local home guard.

In warfare large numbers of low tech, determined population will defeat high tech, with low numbers, e.g. Russians versus Germans 1944-45 or United States versus Vietnam.

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