

Why we don't want the U.S. Troops stationed in Darwin

1. They are part of the United States Force Posture Initiatives (USFPI) which means the United States is using Australian territory to base troops, aircraft and ships for U.S. military action in South East Asia/Pacific. We didn't ask them to come. President Obama in told the Australian Parliament they were coming. ***They imposed themselves on Australia.***
2. The Australian Government has ***no control*** over these U.S. military forces and ***cannot veto any military actions they may take.*** In short they are ***using us*** and the Australian tax payer is ***footing the bill*** for a significant part of this USFPI.
3. In short they are ***using us*** and what do we get out of it ?.
4. Firstly they are not there to "defend " Australia; in any case who would they be defending against ?
5. Secondly, the presence of U.S. troops on our soil and providing facilities on our soil for their fighters and bombers, ***integrates Australia into their war plans***, whether we like it or want it or not. Enemies of the United States see the U.S. forces on our soil as part of any potential U.S. military operations against them. We have lost our freedom to make choices about who are our friends and who are our enemies. We have lost our independence in determining our relations with foreign countries.
This makes Australia a target for the enemies of the U.S.
Countries they see as enemies may well not be ours. Our interests do not necessarily coincide with those of the U.S.
But we cannot help but be "tarred with the same brush" by allowing the occupation of our territory by the U.S, Marines and U.S. jet fighters and bombers.
6. So we have lost our freedom to make choices about who are our enemies and who are not. We have lost our independence in determining our relations with foreign countries.
7. It is stated that the USFPI will initially cost \$2-3 billion of which the Australian tax payer foots half the bill (?) as well as continuing annual costs of \$....(/).
This is significant money ; it is tax payers money which could be better spent on socially needy areas such as reducing health and hospital costs, improving education and for pensioner survival.
8. US military personal in Darwin pay no taxes to the Australian Government, only to the US government so they do not contribute to our social needs but consume scarce Australian tax revenue for their up -keep.

We don't need them

They get us into trouble with our neighbours; meaning wars we don't want

They consume scarce tax payer dollars and pay no tax to our government

They compromise our independence

Let's Give 'em the Boot !

And regain our sovereignty, independence and self respect

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