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I am deeply concerned by the increasing militarisation of Australia's foreign policy and its very close embrace of the policies of the USA.

My submission addresses specifically the trilateral security agreement (AUKUS) and the development of nuclear submarines.

I oppose this development completely.

Rather than increasing the security of Australia it puts us at more risk of involvement in warfare initiated by the USA that serves its misguided policies.

It reduces gravely the potential for Australia to act as a peaceful, moderating influence in a region that is becoming increasingly volatile.

It brings into Australia the problems of dealing with high level nuclear waste.

On a broader front, this move will make it much more difficult or virtually impossible to persuade the Australian Government to sign on to the Treaty to Ban Nuclear Weapons.