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I have kept this submission in short point form due to the immanent deadline.

1. Following U.S. direction Australia has been involved in a sequence of costly damaging and unjust military interventions since WW2. For example , Korea, Vietnam, Iraq [twice], and Afghanistan. There have been other interventions conducted independently, like Timor and the Solomon Islands which were low cost, successful and had the benefit of being morally justifiable. The comparison demonstrates the need to cease Australian obsequious relationship with the U.S. in international affairs.
 2. The acquisition of Nuclear Submarines will exacerbate the continuing integration of Australian Defence and Foreign Policies with those of the American Empire.
 3. The Nuclear Submarines decisive advantage is in long range coercion and interdiction, not local defence , as such it is a poor choice for a peaceful , friendly nation.
 4. A Nuclear-powered Submarine is a nuclear weapon regardless of whether it carries Nuclear Missiles or not. Nuclear status invites proliferation and is an unnecessary danger /threat to our neighbours as well as ourselves.
 5. The massive funds required for the Nuclear Option could be better directed to Foreign Aid, domestic welfare and the climate crisis.
 - 6.To promote its future security and reputation in the Asia-Pacific Region [and globally], Australia should discard the dependence on the American Empire and look to the future as a free, peaceful and independent nation, a friendly neighbour! NO NUKES !
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