

With much dismay, I view the futility of Australian Government representatives hurtle into a rushed agreement and alliance with USA, centred on a defence alliance and commitment to purchase submarines, with no consultation within the Australian Parliament and the broader Australian public.

Commitments of this gravity should go through extended and rigorous public consultation and gain bipartisan consensus, politically. Federal Ministers Morrison, Dutton, Payne, etc are clearly lurching from crisis to crisis, committing a huge amount of our forward public monies on technologies that are not at all proven, and likely to be obsolete by the time of delivery.

Leasing similar technologies in the meantime ties us militarily and policy-wise to the shirrtails of a declining superpower. Australia enjoys prestigious potential and skill to lead diplomacy efforts in the world.

It is ludicrous to think that our contribution militarily will have a similar impact. I urge you to reign in the inept and immature Federal Ministers responsible for this direction.