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Dear Committee Secretary,

My understanding is that the nuclear submarines that Australia would need for the AUCUS pact would be designed for deep water patrols and exercises. While this is in the interests of the UK and US, and would suit work in the Atlantic or wider Pacific Oceans, it does little for the defence of our country, which requires the manoeuvrability of smaller vessels, better for more shallow waters.

Furthermore, what is Australia to do for defence during the many years before we take delivery of even one nuclear submarine? Our existing Collins Class submarines are said to be tired and need replacing sooner than the estimated 15 years or more that nuclear vessels would take.

Please consider the practicalities of Australia's needs, and not just those of the UK and the US.

Yours sincerely,

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