

Foreign Affairs, Defence and trade committee
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a submission to the senate inquiry into Australia's rôle in the Indian Ocean rim countries. By the Foreign Affairs, Defence and trade committee.

The first issue that I want to bring up is, the committee needs to define, the Indian Ocean rim countries. How large is the area concerned?

The second issue that I want to bring up is, Australia must become nuclear free. By becoming nuclear free it must work towards stopping uranium mining. It must stop exploring, mining and selling uranium. It should end the debates on having nuclear power as a main energy source for base load energy.

The third issue that I want to bring up is, road safety. Australia should look to transfer its knowledge that it has gained from road safety. In particular when they started making wearing seat belts compulsory

It needs to include update to date items such as, the wipe off ~~B~~ films to stay alive campaign. A great way to initiate a start to this type of program is to start with the new transport funding model. Where a independent funding tribunal decides the cost of transporting a shipping container. That would avoid drivers speeding, taking stimulants to stay awake over loading their trucks. The committee need to view it as an avenue to increase the market diversity away from and add more resilience in the economy.

The fourth issue that I want to bring up is, health services. Which even countries are involved the health services must be standardised as much as possible. That would mean doctors nurses and health professionals would be able to work in each others countries. In Australia there would be a need to work with the education sector to design courses to include rotations overseas. Those courses open for Australian and overseas students so they can start working together sooner. Those courses might have to be longer in length to cover what is required. This would be useful when natural disaster for example tsunami the size of the Boxing Day Tsunami in 2005.

The fifth issue that I want to bring up is, education opportunities. Those opportunities should be inter-country exchanges. For example where one student needs to get more specialized education so they travel to another

... country. Other students who cannot ^{get} into a course they want, go to another country's education system to get the same or close to the education they are after. By starting with education would lead to other opportunities further down the track. Those education opportunities must use all forms of education to kindergartens through to University.

yours sincerely

PS I could I have a copy of the report once it is released sent to me.