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Australia needs to step back to our long trusted diplomatic way of dealing with, and considering, the best interests of our nation and not be rushed into alliances which may lock us into future conflicts.

It is quite obvious that our Federal Government is beating the pre-election drums of war with the new AUKUS agreement. We have not been yet told exactly what the nation is being signed up to.

This country has no wish to be involved in a conflict between China and the US, neither we should.

It is beyond dispute that Australia is part of Asia and we should be better extending our influence and financial support in this area.

The manner in which the government withdrew from the French submarine contract has become an international embarrassment. In regard to the new Nuclear subs, that will not be launched for 30 or 40 years, it would appear that because of their size they would be employed far from Australia.

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