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Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed acquisition of nuclear powered submarines for the Australian Navy.

As a nation, we have always been wary of involving ourselves in the use of nuclear power. By it's very nature, it is problematic in many ways. It is dangerous to produce. It is dangerous to work with. It is dangerous to dispose of the waste.

These submarines will not be available to us for decades, and by then, there may be safer, cleaner and quieter technology to power our submarine fleet. There has been development of magnetic propulsion, for instance, that has been going on since the sixties. But, due to mining interests, the gains made have been largely ignored. That's just one example that I know of.

Not only has this change in direction damaged our relationship with France and, therefore, the EU, it has tied us even more tightly to the foreign policies of the US, who has dragged us into several costly and questionable military endeavours. The same can be said of the UK. We have blindly supported them since colonial times, from the Boer War, through the two World Wars, to the Falklands.

I'm not convinced that channeling billions of dollars into a submarine fleet, is the best course of action for us to take, particularly when we have so many domestic issues that are not being addressed, due to lack of funding.

In closing, I would also like to express my opposition to the fact that this was done without a mandate from the people. It is my opinion that a decision of this magnitude, should have been presented to the public, before the decision was made. Not announced as a done deal, with no warning and no consultation. We are a democracy, and the people should have had a say in this decision.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours faithfully,

Goralyna Estarion.

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