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Australia does NOT need nuclear submarines. We don't need to waste money on armaments at all. We need to be good neighbours and work for peace in our region and the world. Taxpayers' money is better spent on international aid to promote a peaceful world – on REAL carbon abatement action to save the Torres Strait Islands from sea level rise, and our Pacific neighbours too, and to be responsible members of the international community. When our human rights record is better – our treatment of First Nations people, of disabled people, of refugees and asylum seekers is appalling! – we can make demands on China and other nations concerning their human rights actions. Talk of going to war against China over Taiwan is ridiculous. Heaven save us from chest thumping alpha males!

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