

Thank you for the offer to make a submission to the inquiry.

In my view the Russian invasion of Ukraine is essentially a European problem which the NATO allies have more than enough resources to deal with, without Australian involvement.

Australia has limited defence resources which are better employed within our main area of national security interest - which is of course the Asia-Pacific region.

I don't feel therefore that I could make a useful contribution to the inquiry in relation to the suitability or adequacy of our defence-related response - which is my area of expertise.

Best regards,
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