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**Subject:** Submarine rotational force

I wish to express my opposition to the proposed facility to be built on Garden Island for the Nuclear Submarine Base.

There has been no proper consultation about the placing of such a base on Garden Island.

The original AUKUS decision by then Prime Minister Scott Morrison was made without any notice or proper explanation. Likewise, the Albanese Government has not given the Australian people any considered rationale for continuing this agreement and for the construction of the proposed facility.

It cannot be denied that the situation makes Garden Island a prime military target in any global destabilisation.

The present facility proposal is as piecemeal and unconsidered. There hasn't even been a debate in Parliament or explanation to the local people or wider state.

There has been no definition of the low level radioactive waste to be "temporarily" dumped, nor of how long it will be there. There has been no research done on how radioactive material will be transported on the roads to and from Rockingham – a built-up area with a growing population -- or what safeguards are proposed.

Likewise, there has been no community consultation or information about the dredge spoil which will be dumped in Coburn Sound, which is adjacent to the Shoalwater Marine Park. How this will affect the local marine wildlife?

There has also been no proper community consultation about how 700 US service personnel will be housed in an area where rentals are scarce and homeless people are living in tents.

The whole proposal seems piecemeal and not in any way beneficial to Rockingham or Western Australia or even Australia. It's as if our sovereignty has been removed and these plans are to our disadvantage. This especially if it is true we are also to accommodate the low level radioactive waste of other countries.

I wish to register my strongest objection to the proposed plan.

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