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Dear Committee Secretary and Senators and MPs,

AUKUS 2.0

Dear senate committee, I am a member of the Australian public, and a voter in the electorate of Durack. I represent myself and the ordinary people of Australia. .

The AUKUS deal is not in the interest of the Australian people.

The opportunities forgone by spending an exorbitant \$368B on nuclear submarines is enormous, we have great need in this country for public spending on social programmes, social and commercial infrastructure.

Not only does the AUKUS spending not produce social good it is harmful and causes risks to Australian society.

The other partners in the deal take no risk and Australia agrees to accept all the risks and nuclear waste. The government who agreed to this deal is not acting in the interest of the people and is either naïve or traitorous. If naïve the government should be removed, if traitorous the government must be prosecuted and severely punished.

The submarines are not defensive in nature, the reason why nuclear has been chosen is that they can operate far off shore and not in Australian territorial waters to provoke and possibly attack an adversary far away, and though it has not been explicitly stated China is the object of this antagonism, our largest trading partner and the nation upon who most of our prosperity depends.

China does not want war with Australia, China has not fired a shot in 40 years, China is trying to prove that their model of prosperity without war is superior and they are successful in doing so.

- AUKUS is not in the public interest
- AUKUS has never been demanded by the Australian people
- AUKUS places an excessive financial burden in the public purse, funds that could be much better spent on public infrastructure.
- There are no guarantees that Australia will receive anything from AUKUS except public debt, nuclear waste from Britain and USA and risk.
- AUKUS is provocative to our most valuable trading partner

Please cancel AUKUS now.

Thank You

Tom