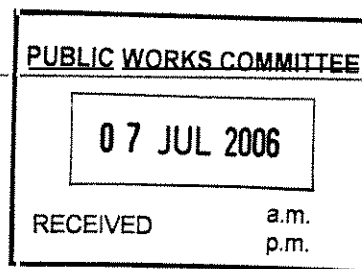


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From my reading of the details of this facility upgrade, there would be no doubt that it will contribute nothing to a greater peace in our region. It does none other than create an aftermath of war on our soil when we have had no real or simulated war on our soil before.

- 1) Just as the Maralinga tests left behind an aftermath of virulent and destructive radioactive materials which were claimed to be innocent at the time, so this, on an enormous scale, is bound to affect the well being of many local people with a long term aftermath some of which is unknown.
- 2) It has many ramifications such as the release into our midst of depleted uranium from modern bombs which the Defence Department wants to ignore. The noise levels on release of bombs will be massive. So for our Defence dept to disturb the wellbeing of many innocent citizens is totally irresponsible.
- 3) Australia does not have to host of a massive number of American troops for this exercise-let the Americans do it on their own soil and keep ours free of such contaminants.
- 4.) To spend 11 million dollars with the intention of setting up an urban environment just to show how effectively it can be blasted with bombs is not only a scandalous waste of money but certainly indicate a distorted thinking. . We have enough experience of that at other places on our planet- Iraq and Kuwait to name a couple.
- 5) The public has had very little chance to absorb the enormity of this war making exercise and it is cynical to give such a short time for public response .

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