

The Threat Should Determine the Defence Force

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What are the threats



Both Threats Are Real

- China
 - Growing assertiveness
 - Challenge to existing world order
 - Emerging global power
- Climate Change
 - Welcome to the Anthropocene
 - Destabilisation of natural world
 - Shortages of essential resources
 - Mass migration and destabilising societies

Setting Priorities

- For Australian government the most significant threat is from China
- For the Australian people the most significant threat is from Climate Change
- Only climate change threatens extinction

Consequence of Wrong Priority

- Australia is optimising the ADF for a 2nd order threat
- Nuclear Powered Submarines, Hunter Frigates, B-21 Bombers are being acquired to deter China. They are useless in the climate crisis

What is Needed

- It is possible to optimise the ADF for climate change
- The main task of the future ADF will be to support the social contracts of our neighbours
- This needs a larger Army that is robustly armed

What is Also Needed

- A federal domestic disaster response force to support state emergency services
- Uniformed members with mandatory terms of service
- Fully equipped with specialised equipment
- Mainly part-time
- Full-time national disaster planning staff and permanent command network

Questions

Climate and Security Book

- Published by US Army, Army University Press
- For download copy search: Palazzo climate change national security

