



AUKUS repositioned, not cancelled · Same workforce, redirected output · Sovereign manufacturing · Internal strength as deterrence

**35,000 km**

Australian coastline  
we must defend

**3% GDP**

Defence spend — all  
sovereign capability

**28 days**

Diesel reserve.  
IEA minimum: 90 days.

**6 tracks**

National Service —  
2 years from age 18

## THE PROBLEM — THREE STRATEGIC FAILURES

### SHIPPING LANES UNDEFENDABLE

Red Sea: Houthis closed 60-70% of container traffic despite US/UK/EU naval response. AUKUS submarines cannot solve this.

### SCALE PROBLEM

35,000 km coastline. 8 million km<sup>2</sup> EEZ. Eight crewed submarines cannot patrol a continent. Only mass unmanned systems can.

### SUPPLY-CHAIN EXPOSURE

90% of fuel imported. 90%+ pharma imported. Cables, steel pipe, electronics imported. Foreign-dependent capability is not sovereign.

## THE MMP SOLUTION

### AUKUS Repositioned — Same Workforce

Workforce, shipyards, partnerships kept. Output redirected: hundreds of unmanned coastal platforms, dual-use vessels, Sovereign Defence Manufacturing under SBC.

### Strategic Neutrality — Constitutional

Constitutional provision requiring referendum to overturn. No PM commits forces to foreign conflict without parliamentary vote. Switzerland 1815 — armed neutrality, not invaded.

### Engineer Corps — Public-Private

Every member a qualified tradesperson and drone operator. Builds SBC corridors in peacetime; 72-hour flood/fire/cyclone response. Combat-ready.

### Drone Sovereignty — Land, Sea, Air

Mass-produced unmanned underwater vehicles (Ghost Shark class scaled). Autonomous aerial systems for rapid deployment. Ground drone networks on every approach.

### Fuel Sovereignty — 90 Days

90-day strategic reserve from Australian crude on Australian soil before any export contract. Geelong + Lytton kept open. Australian biofuels mandate.

### Border Force — Merged with Navy

Unified military command. One chain of authority. Small fast vessels patrol 35,000 km of coastline plus mass unmanned platforms. Drone coverage from remote stations.

### SAS — Every State and Territory

Eight barracks — not concentrated at Campbell Barracks. Fast deployment within hours. Counter-terrorism, maritime security, hostage rescue. Small, fast, everywhere.

### Sovereign Satellites — Dual Role

Civilian comms for all Australians + dedicated defence layer no foreign government can cut. Every SAS barracks, Border vessel, SBC corridor on sovereign comms.

### National Service — Two Years

Six tracks from age 18: Engineer Corps, Health & Care, Green Corps, Teaching, Community, Innovation. 75% min wage. Not conscription — paid, skilled.

### Diplomatic Corps as Defence

Australia's first line is a relationship, not a weapon. Neutrality agreements, resource-sharing, infrastructure connectors across Asia. Trusted bridge-builder.

### Cyber Sovereignty — Independent

ASD rebuilt as genuinely sovereign capability. Independent threat assessments. Cyber defence of power, water, banking, comms. We use our own eyes.

### No Defence Land Sales — Ever

No Australian defence land, base, or strategic asset sold, leased, or transferred to foreign governments or corporations. Darwin Port the template for never again.

**FORWARD DEFENCE vs INTERNAL STRENGTH — THE CHOICE**

CURRENT — FORWARD DEFENCE POSTURE	MMP — INTERNAL STRENGTH POSTURE
\$268–368B for 3–5 nuclear submarines arriving in the 2040s — wrong tool for continental coastal defence	<b>\$268–368B repositioned — same workforce, hundreds of unmanned platforms + dual-use vessels + sovereign</b>
AUKUS Pillar 1 — eight crewed submarines, dependent on foreign supply chains for hulls, propulsion, electronics	<b>AUKUS Pillar 2 scaled — mass-produced unmanned platforms (Ghost Shark class), built in Australia with Australian</b>
Defence procurement largely imported — cables, steel pipe, electronics, ammunition from foreign suppliers	<b>Sovereign Defence Manufacturing under SBC — civilian + defence demand justifies the steel mill and cable plant</b>
Defence posture built around adversarial decoupling from a \$300B trading relationship with China	<b>Constructive engagement across Asia — trade is part of the defence policy, not in tension with it</b>
90% of refined fuel imported, 28 days strategic reserve — defence force exposed within weeks of any disruption	<b>90-day physical fuel reserve on Australian soil before any export contract</b>
No formal neutrality. PM commits forces to foreign wars by executive decision. Iraq 2003 the template.	<b>Strategic neutrality — constitutional provision. No forward deployment without referendum and parliamentary vote.</b>
No independent intelligence — went to war in Iraq on intelligence we could not verify	<b>Independent intelligence — Australia assesses its own threats with its own eyes</b>
No pipeline into defence manufacturing or Land Force capability	<b>National Service feeds Engineer Corps, drone operators, cyber specialists across six tracks</b>
Border Force — separate civilian agency, large ships, slow response, split command	<b>Border Force merged with Navy — unified command, small fast vessels, drone network</b>
Defence land sold and leased to foreign governments — Darwin Port 99-year lease the template	<b>No defence land sales. Ever. Sovereign territory held in perpetuity for Australians.</b>

*"A continental nation in a global economy defends itself best by building itself. Internal strength is the durable form of deterrence." — MMA Memo 18*

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