TOWARD THE RESCUE OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMED FORCES
FROM OBLIVION

Of the previous ALP Government’s ministerial line-up, the minister mostly lacking in abilities and
diligence but full of irrelevant Marxist Social theory was previous DefMin, Smith. Smith left the Armed Forces
of Australia in a particularly depleted condition. Labor and Smith virtually neutered the Armed Forces by the
imposition of Neo-Marxist social theory upon the Force-in-being - the Australian Defence Force [ADF] -
reducing manpower\(^1\) so that it was/is significantly under manned; lacking adequate combat resources and
with morale at rock bottom; where it is today. In his last budget comrade Smith mothballed nearly 50% of the
ADF combat power in particular. Where after 12 months of Government by the Coalition, it still is.

Late DefMin Smith significantly failed to create or maintain a modern mechanised force on a par with
almost all armed forces of modern middle ranking industrial and economic powers of which Australia is one.
The Coalition [Abbott] Government has not done that either. It is not a stretch of the imagination to classify
the ADF as admirably prepared and resourced to fight WW1 as we remember with trepidation that it was in
initiated 100 years ago.

Sociologically Corrupted

The Governmental responsibility of mounting and ensuring the readiness of our armed forces to
defend Australia, it’s territories and it’s interests – the Armed Forces charter. It would seem that the Charter
of our Armed Forces has been torn up and that the Force/s has been garnisheed from it’s homeland and people
– the ADF seems as if, not to be a part of 21st Century Australia as a fighting Force dedicated to and able to
defend the Australian Homeland to a man. No Australian Government, since Federation has ever properly
mounted, directed or managed Armed Forces so as to provide the ability on a standalone basis for this nation
to defend itself and the current Government is no exception.

The previous, usurping, Labor/Greens administration performed by far the worst in a long line of
administrations so delinquent. Former DefMin Smith has not even hidden the contempt that he has had, in
line with his, then, Government’s extreme left wing ideological stance, for the Armed Forces and it’s people.
The ALP/Green’s cliché has been, inept and delinquent in the proper manifestation of the institution that is
currently the force-in-being in defence of the Nation – the ADF. This ethos seems to have worked its way into
our institutions and into the regard of the Nation and this needs to be changed *poste haste*.

The first priority of the new government going forward must be to re-organise the force/s-in-being to
manifest an actual [and not virtual] capability to defend the Nation. This, in the face of ever rising
international tension:

- On the Korean Peninsula,
- Between China and Japan
- In Europe [Russia and Ukraine et al]
- The ever worsening Middle East with the struggle between Shia and Sunni Islam worsens day by day.

All of which and more to come which most assuredly will culminate after an indeterminate interval in a major
global war. During such a general war the Australian Homeland will be attacked. Subject to the influence of

\(^1\) Male Gender used except when Gender specific
the Socialists, heavily prejudiced by the trade union movement, practically all political parties and pundits, including your incoming Government, appear to assume that the projections of purchase of major platforms/items for defence is manifesting adequate defence for Australia. Nothing could be further from the facts. All the most modern combat platforms in the world means nothing unless there are “boots on the ground” to effectively wield them, in battle.

The Current Actual Deficits in Defence/National Security. The current problems with the Australian Armed Forces [as the ADF - the Force-in-being] are:

a. There is **no warfighting organisation or structure** which identify it as the national force for the conduct of Australia at war, whatever level, against a belligerent enemy,

b. We are **incapable of mounting stand alone formations** in a theatre of war, in which the nation is under threat,

c. A **dearth** of effective **conventional warfighting materiel** - arms [including small arms], munitions, armoured fighting vehicles, Self Propelled Artillery, Speciality Armour plus lighter vehicles & motorcycles – has accrued after years of neglect,

d. Nearly half of the combat platforms in hand have been mothballed by the previous Government and the current government has not moved to correct that position.

e. **Second line** warfighting materiel has been **prematurely sold off**, in an economic and ideological frenzy, by the comrades, which should have been used to mount part time reserve combat formations,

f. The Armed Forces **lack adequate manpower** and the force-in-being has been sociological eviscerated, primarily by the restriction of force specific discipline and integral armed force law, within the ranks,

g. **Usurpation** by civilian authorities of the **community power of the Armed Forces [ADF]** by subordination to the Australian Public Service [D o D], of the infiltration of non-deployable civilians within the ranks – not subject to Service Commanders or discipline it’s facilities and the corruption and of it’s charter and legal system; service specific [as guaranteed under the constitution] and it’s total **sociological corruption** as an armed force,

The Real Requirements for “Defence”

In order to provide adequate and effective Armed Forces the following actions and policy revisions are vital:

a. **Separate the Armed Forces entirely from the Department of Defence** i.e dismantle the arrangement, put in place by Kim Beazley known as the diarchy, and reduce the D O D to the status of support from Government and the Civil Service to the Force/s-in-being, delivering the Forces autonomy under Government to deliver on its charter according to the Constitution,

b. **Re-organise the Force/s-in-being to enable its effective manifestation and warfighting effectiveness** – an example of the kind of re-organisation that could be so effective is depicted below;

c. Acquire immediately obsolescent combat platforms from US/NATO sources; re-activate our own de-commissioned platforms and use domestic industry to upgrade them to modern battle capabilities [e.g. US M6A3/m48A5 Paton Tanks & Leopard AS1 for Self Propelled Arty],
(1) New force manpower to be recruited with less costly and less restrictive conditions of service than currently – for the ADF - with emphasis on living support for single and partnered service personnel, than salary remuneration,

(2) The regionalisation of the formation responsible for defence of the Homeland [the National Guard as depicted above]

and retain in service warfighting platforms and materiel and arms to equip second line formations/units,

d. Restrict the pirating of Service materiel manpower, establishment positions and assets by Civil Service Departments, in pursuit of their particular charters and objectives and aggrandisement,

e. Free up the Armed Forces from compliance with the myriad of environmental/industrial impositions including the imposition of a non-Service specific legal system, introduced in the wider community by the previous socialist Government which inhibits the effectiveness of those forces to react to emergencies, in the community at large and operate as warfighting Formations in the Australian Homeland and offshore deployments.

Who Captains this Transition?

A Statesperson/Armed Forces Supreme Commander & Staff, of the ilk of Giaus Marius; late of the Roman Republic. The modern task should initiated by the Defence Ministry, under the auspices of the Governor General, in the first instance for appointment of key Armed Forces figures and to pave the way with fiscal, legislative and logistic arrangements for the inauguration of who has, at least had some experience in the Armed Forces, has ministerial experience and is not afraid of a party room Cabinet Fracas and is in the House.

Respectfully

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Example: RE-ORG OF AUSTRALIAN ARMED FORCES AS STAND-ALONE WARFIGHTING FORMATIONS

1. Australian Expeditionary Force/s 2. Revised Higher Defence/Warfighting Machinery