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Dear Sir or Ms,

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I have been eager to convey to you grave concerns felt by myself and a wide group of family, friends and professional associates about Australia's foreign policy specifically in relation to our dealings with the USA.

Those of us aware of world politics know that our nation now stands at a crossroads in history. The disgraceful, heinous behaviour of the US and UK as part of the Five Eyes intelligence community (5EIC being US, UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand) in the last two decades now endangers and shames Australia. I trust that the Australian Government (AG) will realise this and immediately withdraw support in all but its most transparent and democratic cooperation with the US and UK and resolve that there shall be no more US bases and no more secret surveillance on their behalf.

This submission is made with the overarching objective of keeping Australians safe and secure in the longer time-frame. While your reaction may be concern that we leave ourselves isolated in what may become a show-down with extremist terrorists and the nations that support them, I contend that we attract more danger by being US and UK allies and espionage agents. The demonisation of the Islamic faith and the destabilisation of the Middle East are two of the main US and UK strategies that have brought about the present world chaos and so called "war on terror" heralded by the US and its former puppet president neo-con idiot George W. Bush. The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) as part of the Australian Department of Defence, has played a key part in enabling these strategies by its involvement in the 5EIC.

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I refer you to the work of Noam Chomsky in his book “Interventions” [1] and of John Perkins in his book “Confessions of an Economic Hit Man” [2].

To that end this submission offers the following evidence to persuade you that the AG must resolve to distance itself from the US and leave the 5EIC

1. The US and UK have acted deceitfully, avariciously and aggressively by invading Afghanistan and Iraq on false intelligence concocted as premised on the false-flag 911 attacks, wrongly portrayed as being beyond prevention by the US and UK governments. Prime Minister Howard recently said he was “very embarrassed” when he learned the truth about the weapons of mass destruction (WOMD). Thanks to the 5EIC, Australia has been complicit in enabling US WOMD using depleted uranium which have killed, maimed and continue to cause horrific genetic defects in innocent Iraqi civilians today and will do so in the future. Likewise the US now justifies using drones to shoot and bomb targets in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen and Iraq, and these illegal weapons are so called “authorised” by the US president using the same 5EIC intelligence systems that both enabled 911 and perpetuated its retaliation.

5EIC Intelligence “shared” with Australia by the UK’s Prime Minister Blair, who said he could not reveal his sources or risk compromising the safety of the British public, was wrong, contrived and toxic to the lives and well-being of the Afghan and Iraqi people. 5EIC enabled lies were swallowed whole by the AG yet we continue to enable the same surveillance facilities on our soil such as at Pine Gap and elsewhere.

Intelligence now freely available [3] reveals how the official 911 report has avoided and evaded the truths of the attacks and indicates why you should take this submission extremely seriously to disassociate from the 5EIC controlled by the US government whose intelligence agency (CIA) orchestrated the tragedy.

Further information is available from the late Mr Frank Legge [4], an Australian agricultural scientist [4] and from Dr David Ray Griffin [5], a US philosopher and respected theologian who has published over a dozen books on the subject of 911 and US government intelligence complicity.

The reaction by extreme Islam has been to increasingly hate the US and its allies, Australia being one of them. Shame on and danger to Australia mounts as long as this hatred continues. This submission contends that

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our 5EIC alliance actually puts us at risk and in conclusion proposes alternative intelligence networks.

2. You may be familiar with the 2010 Iraqi war logs released by US Private Manning and published by Wikileaks. These courageous whistleblowers, acting on their conscience rather than personal gain or popularity have been cruelly punished for telling the world about the war crimes of the US and the UK. Manning, though now pardoned, was given a 35 year sentence and Assange is still indefinitely holed up in an embassy in fear of US incarceration without trial under their inhuman “enemy combatant” and “Patriot Act” laws. In February 2016 the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention announced its decision finding that the detention of Julian Assange is unlawful. It has ordered that he be released immediately and compensated by Sweden and the United Kingdom. You must recommend his immediate release in the name of justice.

The 5EIC was clearly behind the protection and misuse of the war log intelligence that illegally facilitated the war crimes in question. The AG’s alliance with the 5EIC removes any freedom to help Assange for fear of upsetting the US and UK. We are thus guilty in conspiring to pervert the course of justice, abandoning Assange, our own citizen, and further isolating ourselves from the moral imperatives necessary to achieve the defence of honour and truth needed in the world today to overcome the avaricious mind-set of the richest and most powerful who ultimately control and manipulate governments through the intelligence community and the banking and industrial sectors.

If Assange is finally given justice and it is revealed that the charges of sexual assault were trumped up it will cause further deterioration in the AG’s credibility. If we leave the 5EIC first we have opportunity to restore it.

3. Intelligence leaks continue to embarrass the AG. E.g. Germany’s Chancellor Angela Merkel and Indonesia’s President Yudhoyono [6]. While the average Australian will interpret this as a breach of trust, we know that the real problem felt by both the AG and the victims is the leak itself - all high ranking government staff are well aware that they are being spied on but what they don’t like is their own citizens finding out about it.

This submission is a call to come clean. We must recognise that the internet will allow our citizens to discover the truth eventually and that propaganda and cover up by governments cannot stop the truth impacting

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us all globally, with a shortening delay. The metadata that the ASD collects on Australian citizens for its own and 5EIC use, stored in huge computer facilities in the US, is a betrayal of trust and a volatile commodity in the hands of the US which has proven itself as a nation now out of the democratic control of its people and in the control of a wealthy elite who will stop at nothing to protect their own assets and power structure. Donald Trump accused and substantiated the fact that the US government were rigging the elections. It remains to be seen whether he came to a secret agreement with them to not pursue this accusation in return for a fair election. That would preserve the remnant of US dignity and allow him to have his presidency. Thanks to the leaks of emails about Hilary Clinton's crimes, the world now has a greater chance to take a new direction. We must then protect the rights of whistleblowers such as Edward Snowden and Private Manning and those who support them such as Julian Assange and Glen Greenwald, journalist with the Guardian newspaper who was illegally harassed by the US government . The AG's current 5EIC alliance will not allow such protection of civil liberties.

This submission thus concurs with the views contained in New Internationalist magazine, January 2015 [7] : Privacy vs Transparency. This article includes the implications of a case study in India that your Review will be able to use to consider the costs and benefits, in respect of the public interest, of collecting metadata on Australian citizens. The upshot is that "these rights are completely compatible if you address the question of power. These rights do not have to be balanced against one another. Privacy protections must be inversely proportionate to power and, as Julian Assange says, transparency requirements should be directly proportionate to power." The AG's current 5EIC alliance will not allow such a review of excesses of its power in collecting intelligence, thereby harming the public interest. A further reference to these issues is contained within the article. As one of your tasks in this Review is understood as to examine the power of the ASD I urge you to read the article and consider the lessons to be learned from Indian government's experience.

4. The experience of our citizen David Hicks is considered relevant to the White Paper because it further exemplifies how the AG aided the US through the 5EIC to invade Afghanistan and Pakistan, apprehend David and allow him to be tortured with little regard for human rights.

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Though he is just one man, he is an Australian whose apprehension and torture without trial by the US military evidences the depths of brutality to which the AG is headed if it continues its 5EIC alliance. The same data that led to his torture and treatment as a so called “enemy combatant” was facilitated by the AG. David’s book [8] will be instructive to you. It reveals further why the AG must leave the 5EIC if it wishes to pursue intelligence gathering that is both transparent and controlled - if the Department of PMC is to retain ultimate control over the ASD’s functions it must not host 5EIC surveillance.

5. Why did former PM Julia Gillard not know in 2012 what Australia’s intelligence service (then ASIS) was doing when it had spied on East Timor’s deliberations in the The Greater Sunrise oil and gas field in the Timor Sea, for a treaty worth an estimated \$40 billion to map out how it was divided between East Timor and Australia ?

Basically, the ASD has already become like the US because of its 5EIC alliance. Under the cover of an Australian program renovating Timor-Leste government offices, Australia installed listening devices to spy on the Timorese officials, delivering transcripts of the bugged conversations from the embassy in Dili straight into the hands of Australia's negotiating team.

The AG has been ignorant and/or complicit in crime under international law. Fortunately the White Paper can address this at the core by recommending disassociating from the 5EIC. Otherwise the findings of Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, Netherlands will precede this, to Australia’s international shame.

You need to be familiar with the AG’s travesties of justice against Witness K and Mr Bernard Collaery, East Timor's legal adviser at the time. The Australian Attorney General, George Brandis, asserted that he authorised a request by ASIO for a search warrant on Collaery's office, “to protect Australia’s national security”. Forgive my moralising tone, but this is just as cowardly as Tania Plibasek, later Opposition Spokeswoman saying “We do not comment on matters of national security”. This is not national security, it’s economic crime, unjust and immoral.

I hope that you understand where the AG is heading with this perverted alliance with the 5EIC. It’s time the PMC lead Australia to stand up for itself and recognised that we are supporting the US war economy. That a

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US president could say to another world leader that war is good for the economy is inhumane. Néstor Kirchner, former president of Argentina, revealed in an interview with Oliver Stone [9] for the director's documentary "South of the Border" that former US president George W. Bush was convinced that war was the way to grow the US economy. Here is the video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl446mXonu0&feature=player_embedded

6. The present war in Syria is further illustrative that the US intelligence function has exceeded the powers of its own government.

Intelligence sent to AG by US about Syria has been shown to be incorrect. [10]. US policies dictate its war mentality, its economy and strategy for future world domination. They dictate that the ME be destabilised and Islam demonised.

The 5EIC is an enormous handicap to building sound policy for Australia.

7. The disappearance of MH370 and grieving Australian families deprived of emotional closure due to 5EIC priorities must be considered. Every time I attempt to engage the AG about the passengers on board being Chinese scientists whose knowledge of new technology [11] may have caused their apprehension by the disappearance of the aircraft I get no answer.

As an independent review by the PMC will you please take this into account. If you feel professionally or morally obliged, take this further and build it into the White Paper, remembering that the AG's surveillance facilities may have contributed to its disappearance or destruction.

8. I offer you the following intelligence that will enlighten AG about its decision to strengthen or abandon intelligence sharing in the 5EIC. This intelligence comes from Mr Benjamin Freedman as he delivered a speech to a full house in the Willard Hotel in Washington DC in 1961. By way of summary, it explains clearly how the US deceived Germany in WW1 and 2, notwithstanding all the interpretations of the rules of engagement that you may have. It is an echo of how the powerful and wealthy are today continuing to manipulate the US and Australia by means of the 5EIC. Please refer to the attachments for Appendix 2 being a pdf file transcript and an mp3 file of the original audio.

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The conclusion of this submission is that an alternative to US alliance Australia needs to strengthen alliance with the BRICS countries Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

I am well aware that the Task Force's need to consider these submissions is very time-consuming. I plead with you to review the material of Benjamin Freedman (1961) and Dr David Ray Griffin (contemporary). These two men, with respect to their setting, time frame and stature will help you invaluablely in forming a realistic view of the facts that so heavily impinge on Australia's foreign policies and alliances.

Yours faithfully,

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[1] Chomsky, Noam "Interventions" City Lights Books, San Francisco, 2007

[2] Perkins, John "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" Penguin Books, London, 2004.

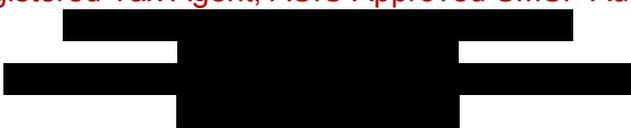
[3] : 911 intelligence now freely available that the AG was not made aware of by the US government who were aware from the beginning

1. The immediate removal of the metal remnants of the collapses, sent overseas for recycling in such a way as to prevent their proper examination on site
2. The bizarre explanation that the whole of the US defence force could not be mobilised to stop the planes in time as they happened to be on training missions
3. The collapse within hours, like a controlled demolition, of World Trade Centre Building Seven (WTC 7) with 47 stories, officially reported as fire damaged and structurally weakened from falling debris from the twin towers. This is absurd and refuted strongly by Architects and Engineers for 911.

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4. The extremely important nature of the data destroyed in WTC 7 supposedly without off-site back-up. These included confidential reports on the Enron oil spill and records which may have led to indictments of several corporations.
 5. The official explanation that the entire metal columns of the three buildings collapsed from the heat of burning jet-fuel whereas no other buildings in history of the same construction had experienced such a result even from higher temperatures
 6. That not a single photo of the plane (or the actual object) before it hit the Pentagon building has ever been made available to the public or investigators despite multiple cameras having filmed the event. With one photo every 30 seconds, a more salient description of the event should have been forthcoming.
 7. The proposition that the invasion of Iraq was necessary to prevent further such terror attacks from alleged “weapons of mass destruction” promoted as directly tied to the 911 incidents. Later this was proven to be based on lies.
 8. Fervent stock exchange trading in options in the weeks before the event that indicate inside knowledge of the effect on the shares of the insurance company that had to pay out for the destruction of the buildings
 9. That the Bush family as a result of the state of emergency declared on the day, were able to effect a transfer to them of millions of dollars in maturing securities that otherwise would have led to public knowledge thereof
 10. That the Taliban offered the US that they would arrest Bin Laden and present him for trial in an independent country. The US did not accept the offer.
 11. That the accused and key witness in the investigation (Osama Bin Laden) was eventually murdered by the US government so could not give evidence under oath about the crime and the charges against him

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[4] The late Mr Frank Legge, see

<http://www.journalof911studies.com/resources/Legge-Letter-June.pdf>

Further information is available from DR David Ray Griffin, a US philosopher at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXw3jJ3021o>

Dr Griffin is also a respected theologian and has published over a dozen books on the subject of 911.

[6] Mamamia.com.au

<http://www.mamamia.com.au/australia-spying-on-indonesia/>

[7] Privacy vs transparency : New Internationalist magazine, January 2015

<https://newint.org/features/2015/01/01/privacy-transparency/>

[8] David Hicks, “Guantanamo My Journey” Random House Australia 2012.

[9] Bush’s war economy mentality

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl446mXonu0&feature=player_embedded

This is the transcript of Kirchner’s account of the conversation at a summit in Monterrey, Mexico, in January, 2004.’ Kirchner: I said that a solution to the problems right now, I told Bush, is a Marshall Plan. And he grew angry. He said the Marshall Plan is a crazy idea of the Democrats. He said the best way to revitalize the economy is war. And that the United States has grown stronger with war.

[10] False intelligence generated by US agencies

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<http://presstv.ir/Detail/2016/10/26/490819/US-Syria-Russia-NoFlyZone-Duff/>

[11] Intelligence implications for Australia in respect of MH370 disappearance

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIUPrbC9dT8>