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Some fun candy from the Israelis -link so you can watch the video.

Pondering the evil a mob of devious ones who knew the lie of the land could inflict on nosey parkers and intruders IVO the stretch of water between Cape Leveque (an Australian 'just' (240 km) north of Broome for the unknowing) and Cairns.

https://tv.xem.plus/this-israeli-drone-ship-may-be-small-but-it-packs-a-big-torpedo?fbclid=IwAR2iXg0msXzNWKd0Z41pGfM1JhnxDNAHkGycVyNUrcWF95Dvpig_AFrDrHg

Australia's defence strategic review – facts and fallacies

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I was asked the other night what I thought the outcome might be, Ans: probably more of the same. Why? The minds working on it are the minds that put us here and, as history will show, public submissions that offer sense are published but not heeded(anything Ted Bushell from the RAAF ever put in is an easy find and read for those wanting to see what I mean). And yes I've put my 2 cents worth in a couple of times under the can't whinge if you don't try rule. The first in a Defence Industry Review for Bronny Bishop back in the 90s as an individual member of the ADF and the second in the First Principles Review of 2014-5 as a retired one. Interestingly for me, both got some traction with the players - the first one probably because it was apparently almost word for word on what the Defence Teaming Centre of SA put up; and the second because even Crusty the Clown could have seen the issues if he peered through the gaps between the circled wagons. In both cases the outcomes were blown away by the Department itself - the first with its turning industry sector plans into looking like a pizza with the lot thrown at a wall and therefore very unappetising thus dead, and the second; well, most here know what they did with their complex management stuff.

But the real reason I air this is for this bit in one of the paras:

Their relationships vary wildly. For some, effectiveness rises steeply with only modest cost. Think of the Jindalee surveillance network. Others never deliver much added effectiveness, no matter how much money is thrown at them. Submarines come to mind. Always, at some point, effectiveness for money ceases growing. That is the only way value for money and adequacy can be discerned.

I can't so won't comment on Jindalee. But his point on submarines has an element of goodness to it. I guess he is working on the theory that if 6 Collins had been an effective deterrent, the current argy-bargy wouldn't be going on - but that could be said about everything - so let's skip that one. Let's cut to Always, at some point, effectiveness for money ceases growing. From the perspective of the SUBFOR being an effective ASW training asset, you'd have to say that the current belief in the ADO that the T-26 will deliver a Superior ASW capability, the selection of the P-8 as a submarine hunter and the selection of the MH60R for solo use in FF and DDGs says that they have been a total failure (and a really really expensive one) in educating the ADO about ASW. Maybe we would have done much much better with a DESI program out of India and the rising SE asian forces - and that would have brought diversity of threat type and operating culture and make people understand that 'submarines ain't just submarines' just like the 1988 ad <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7TUiMCEils>