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It's clear that something's badly amiss. Over the past decade, Defence has advised successive governments to boost defence spending to prepare for uncertain times ahead, and successive governments have agreed and dug deep into taxpayers' pockets for the wherewithal. But while some progress has been made, there remain serious problems with the delivery of today's defence force and there's been decidedly lacklustre progress in building tomorrow's. If Australia's defence matters at all, if armed force has any role in protecting our interests in the 21st century, the present situation is beyond intolerable.

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