

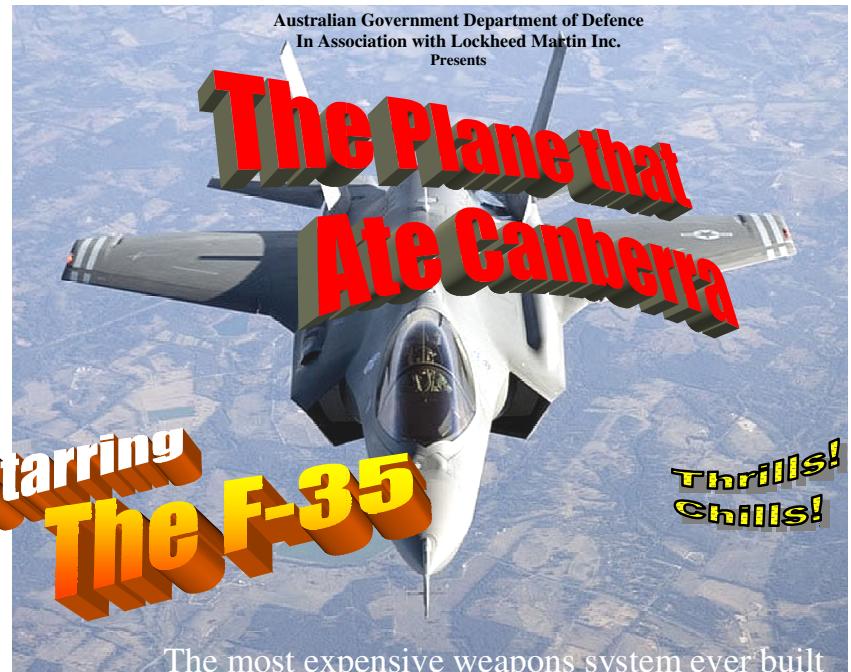
Just Peace is a Brisbane-based organisation whose aim is to raise public awareness about alternatives to war and the necessity of justice in achieving lasting peace.

Just Peace works to exchange information, promote dialogue, organise events and develop publications that seek to clarify the peace issues we face as a national and international community. We also offer support and fellowship to those who face the destructive effects of war and injustice.

Just Peace stands as both a group of locally active individuals and as a proud member of the global peace movement. We come from all walks of life, all ages and all political persuasions. Our one commonality is our commitment to a safe, just and peaceful world.

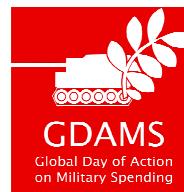
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**Fifteen years in the Making!
Budget: AUS\$369 billion!**

Box Office: \$30 billion (est.) so far.

100 Secretly ordered by Australia in 2002

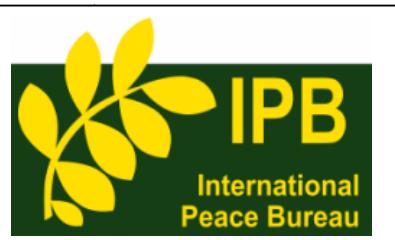
Total Cost: AUS\$10 billion (at least)

Investment by Australia so far: \$150 million

Delivery Date: Unknown.

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The GDAMS (**Global Day of Action on Military Spending**) initiative was co-founded in 2011 by the Nobel Peace Prize-winning **International Peace Bureau** and the **Institute for Policy Studies**. It is currently coordinated by the IPB and the US partner for the 2014 edition, **Peace Action**.



Just Peace, the Brisbane-based Community Organisation is proud to be one of scores of foundation organisations world-wide, who are participating in a series of actions on 13-14 April, 2014. We join hundreds of organisations in dozens of countries who are calling for a meaningful decrease in military spending.

Our message for Australia is simple: We must begin to reign in the AU\$26 billion (2013) annual purposeless military spending spree and redirect these resources to urgent priorities, including health; education; environmental, food and water security; national resilience; and our commitment to the 2015 Millennium Development Goals.

We urge you to join us and send messages to our government that it is time to stop preparing for wars and prepare for peace and security.

In particular we draw your attention to the plan of Australia's military to purchase one hundred US-manufactured F-35 Lightning II aircraft. Each one is currently costing well over \$100 million. These aircraft are part of an immense and complex plan to weaponize Australia in cooperation with the United States. It has been made abundantly clear that the potential enemy we may have to fight is China. In view of the recent high profile business trip of our Prime Minister to this Asian country, it is patently absurd to be arming ourselves for conflict with China. In 2011-2012 Australia relied on China for imports, exports and investments totaling AUS\$164 billion.

What can you do? Send messages to the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister, The Foreign Minister and the Treasurer. Use email, tweets, Facebook messages, letters, or even faxes. Here are a few channels of communication:

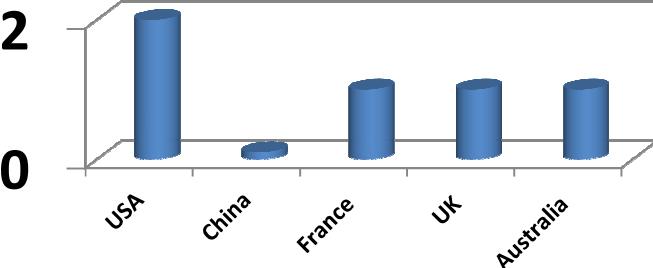
Minister for Defence, Senator The Honourable Robert Johnston.

The Prime Minister, The Honorable Tony Abbott, MP. www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm

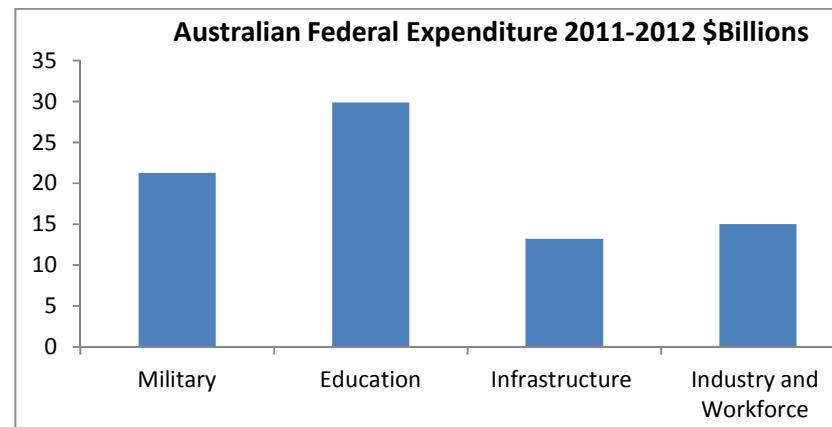
The Treasurer, The Honourable Joe Hockey, MP. (02) 6277 7340

Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Honourable Julie Bishop, MP. (02) 6277 7500
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The Military Budget of Australia for 2011-2012 is equivalent to 14% of the personal income tax you pay to the Government.



Per capita expenditure on Military in \$Thousands 2011-2012



2015 Millennium Development Goals

