## HEAR OUR VOICE POLICY STATEMENTS

## DEFENCE

Hear Our Voice supports a Defence Force that will protect Australians and the nation from foreign military and other hostile threats. We believe our Defence Force, which includes reserve forces, should be appropriately resourced and trained so they are capable of protecting our sovereignty.

Hear Our Voice believes our Defence Force should prepare for in peace time what we will need in times of conflict so they can effectively serve and protect both our way of life and our democracy.

Hear Our Voice supports peace keeping and military intervention that are in the interests of international peace and democracy and are based on sound reasoning and justification.

Hear Our Voice believes that Australia should not have participated in the invasion of Iraq. Hear Our Voice agreed with the view of many Australians who were against the invasion. We believe that our troops should be returned home as soon as possible without endangering the fragile democracy building process or causing more harm to the Iraqi people.

Hear Our Voice believes in, and will continue to support, agreements under the ANZUS alliance. Hear Our Voice support the concept of bilateral and multilateral military agreements where they contribute to the stability and welfare of participating countries.

Hear Our Voice acknowledges that our relatively small population of fighting aged people necessitates a focus on effective command, control, communications, intelligence and logistics capabilities, and achieving military advantage through the use of technically advanced military equipment.