The Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee has considered Petition 2005/112 of Edwina Hughes on behalf of Peace Movement Aotearoa and 709 others, which requests that the House urgently take steps to end government support for military production and exports.

While we have no recommendation to make to the House, we share the petitioner’s concern about any government money contributing to the production of nuclear weapons.

The Green member favours a stronger and more transparent method for controlling public funding to New Zealand firms engaged in producing military-related goods—to prevent government funding of undesirable weaponry. The Green member agrees with the petitioner that global military expenditure is excessive and that New Zealand’s future does not lie with building a strong defence industry.

Dianne Yates
Chairperson