



The Howard Government's Defence White Paper: Policy, Process and Politics

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ABSTRACT

The Howard government's recent defence white paper was said by its authors to be the result of a new and more open and rigorous approach to policymaking. The document was seen by some to be the 'best Australian Defence White Paper yet'. I argue that, although novel, the preparation of the white paper was

not as democratic or
far-reaching as
government
spokespeople
suggested. The