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The Letters Editor

PM Rudd is bent on talking Australians into supporting foreign wars which have nothing whatsoever to do with us. Consider below, as reported on the 7.30 report on Thursday 26.03.09, as Kerry O'Brien interviewed guerilla war expert David Kilcullen.

After the fierce battle, the battle which took place 19th of May, 2006, we, (The U. S. Forces), asked a lot of the locals: "Why did you support the Taliban? We didn't think you were on the Taliban side."

And they replied, "Well, we're not, but this is the most exciting thing that's happened in our valley for about 20 years. And we couldn't sit it out, that would've been dishonourable. And if we're going to join in, we're going to join in on the side of the local guy, not the side of the foreigner."

The only threat that the Taliban pose to Australians, is to those who are there interfering with their internal affairs. Foreign Minister Stephen Smith says, that it is necessary to send troops to nations where we see poverty, distress, fragility and populations under pressure, otherwise those nations may become influenced by extreme ideology.

There is no more extreme ideology than that which craves interventionism in every perceived problem that can be imagined anywhere.

It is definitely time to move out now, not to send more offensive forces in to intervene in the affairs of other nations. A view with which Major General (Ret.), Alan Stretton agrees.

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