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Australians must accept the Government can never fully secure the country, Senator David Leyonhjelm said yesterday. The Australian Strategic Policy Institute has published a report titled "National Security: The Cost of Protection," which outlines the economic and social costs of securing the nation.

Senator Leyonhjelm said the report was "an important contribution to the national debate on the future of Australia's national security strategy."

He said the report highlights the need for a "more pragmatic and realistic approach to national security, one that focuses on the threats that are most likely to harm us and the ways in which we can best protect ourselves against them."

"The report also points to the need for a more coordinated and cooperative approach to national security, one that involves not just the military, but also the police, the intelligence community, and the government as a whole," he said.

Senator Leyonhjelm said the report's recommendations were "based on sound principles and practical experience, and should be taken seriously by all Australians who care about the future of our country."

"I urge all members of Parliament to read the report and take its recommendations seriously, so that we can build a stronger and more secure nation for future generations," he said.