



RE-THINK DEFENCE - ASSERT INDEPENDENCE!

SIGN THE PUBLIC CALL FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO CANCEL THE AUKUS & FORCE POSTURE AGREEMENTS **TO STOP**

- Nuclear submarines using Australian ports
- Nuclear submarine waste being stored on Australian territory
- Nuclear capable bombers operating from Australia
- Use of Australian territory as a base for US war operations
- Australian cities becoming military targets

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SIGN the call to Cancel AUKUS and the Force Posture Agreement (FPA)

Australia has unwisely signed two agreements that make us a military appendage of the USA: AUKUS, first signed in 2021 and superseded in 2024 by AUKUS 2.0 and the Force Posture Agreement signed in 2014.

AUKUS - referred to as a security and technology-sharing pact - is indirectly a military agreement with the USA and the UK which:

- ◇ Has never been subjected to public or parliamentary scrutiny
- ◇ Guarantees us nothing (except huge costs)
- ◇ Commits Australia to buying and building nuclear-powered submarines
- ◇ Puts Australia in lockstep with an erratic USA and its growing hostility to China
- ◇ Commits us to even deeper dependency on US foreign and defence policy
- ◇ Ties Australia further into the US military-industrial complex
- ◇ Commits us to permanent storage of radioactive waste from nuclear powered submarines

AUKUS and associated commitments are projected to cost Australia \$375 billion (plus future cost blowouts). This includes shoring up both the US ship building capacity and Rolls Royce's manufacturing of SSN-AUKUS nuclear reactors in the UK: Both to the non- refundable tune (even if the submarines never eventuate) of approximately AU\$5 billion each.

The **Force Posture Agreement (FPA)**

- ◇ Gives the USA a heavy military footprint on Australia facilitating the USA using Australia as an operational base for its war games and forward posturing
- ◇ Enables the USA to operate nuclear-capable bombers and warships from Australia, without declaring if they are actually nuclear armed
- ◇ Inevitably makes us a party to regional US military actions

Australia should prioritise peace, an independent foreign and defence policy and good diplomatic relations in our region – not the endless and dangerous cycle of militarisation.

Add your name to this Call on our government to action the one year notice opt-out clause in both agreements to Cancel AUKUS & the FPA

SIGN here: <https://ipan.org.au/public-call-to-the-australian-government/>

