



INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL AUSTRALIA NETWORK • 2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

IT'S TIME FOR AUSTRALIA TO BREAK FREE FROM THE UNITED STATES

2026 Conference Declaration

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THE DECLARATION

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The 2026 national conference of the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network, held in Tarntanya (Adelaide) on the traditional Country of the Kaurna people, Traditional Custodians of the Adelaide Plains, declares that it is time for Australia to break free from the United States and end the United States–Australia military alliance.

We are living through profound global economic and environmental crises. The danger of regional imperialist conflicts spreading into a world war, potentially nuclear, hangs over the entire world. International law is under sustained attack. The Palestinian people continue to face genocide, mass displacement and the destruction of their lands, homes and communities at the hands of Israel. UNICEF has reported 71,803 Palestinians were reported killed in Gaza between 7 October 2023 and 3 February 2026, including at least 21,289 children. People in Iran, Sudan, Ukraine and Myanmar continue to endure war, violence and displacement, while people in Cuba face severe hardship intensified by United States sanctions and economic coercion.

The global dominance of the United States has been increasingly challenged, particularly by China's economic rise and the growing influence of regional powers, including Russia and Iran. In response, the United States has intensified its global military aggression and interventions, inciting conflict and creating economic hardship across Europe, Latin America and West Asia through coercion and sanctions. Across the Asia-Pacific, including Australia, preparations by the United States for confrontation with China are driving a dangerous military build-up and imposing

heavy economic and environmental costs across the region.

We reject attempts by politicians, military interests and sections of the media to portray China as an imminent military threat to Australia and to manufacture public consent for war. The United States' promotion of this threat narrative, together with Australia's acceptance of it and participation in the resulting military build-up, places Australia and the wider region in danger. This US-led drive towards confrontation with China risks catastrophic war and diverts immense public resources from urgent social and environmental needs.

The domination of United States corporate and economic power in Australia reinforces their extensive political, cultural and military influence. We believe the Australian Government's support for Israel's actions against the Palestinian people is rooted in this political and military subservience. Successive Australian governments and major corporations have been complicit in sustaining this relationship and enabling the genocide of the Palestinian people.

AUKUS and the Force Posture Agreement are central to this build-up and pose a grave threat to the safety and wellbeing of people in Australia and across the Asia-Pacific. This militarisation has been met with resistance across Australia and the region, reflecting a growing determination to pursue a peaceful and independent course.

In 2026, people from across the country stood alongside the Traditional Owners of Mparntwe (Alice Springs) in their calls for land return and the closure of Pine Gap. The 2026 Pine Gap Convergence, which brought together around 600 people immediately before the conference,

was one powerful expression of this solidarity, which many conference participants attended.

We were inspired and strengthened by the presence and leadership of young people at both the Convergence and the conference.

Their futures are threatened by militarisation, war and climate breakdown, and their voices must be central to building a peaceful, just and independent Australia.



ON THE STREETS – THE PROTEST AT THE ALP NATIONAL CONFERENCE, FRIDAY 24 JULY

More than 250 people attended the conference. Together we heard from speakers and each other what we must do, and what we must demand, to break free from the United States and carry Australia toward independence and peace.

ON BUILDING THE MOVEMENT: WHAT WE MUST DO, TOGETHER

The movement for peace and justice must be a broad, dynamic, non-party political, and intergenerational grassroots movement. It must reach across urban, regional and culturally and politically diverse communities and work in active solidarity with movements around the world. It must stand in solidarity with peoples engaged in national liberation struggles and resist occupation, oppression, imperialism, dispossession, injustice and wars of aggression. It must demonstrate to the warmongers that they will never succeed in

overriding the fundamental human traits of love, compassion and justice. It must commit to the full and genuine participation of First Peoples and their communities in every aspect of this movement. Respect for First Peoples' unceded sovereignty is not negotiable. Land Back, reparations and self-determination are moral and political foundations upon which a just and independent Australia must be built. We must continue to stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people, who continue to face genocide and displacement.

We must collaborate with groups, organisations and individuals throughout Australia striving for peace and social, environmental and economic justice. Together, we hold a responsibility not only to those living today, but also to future generations.

We must demand an independent, peaceful and sustainable Australia, free from domination by any foreign power, able to chart its own course

in the interests of people and planet. This requires Australia's withdrawal from AUKUS, the termination of the Force Posture Agreement and an end to the Australia-United States military alliance. The conference participants' common thread and demand of ending the Australia-United States Alliance ran throughout the two-day conference.



PORT ADELAIDE RIVER TOUR, PAST THE OSBORNE AUKUS SITE



ABBY MARTIN, RALLYING FOR AN INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL AUSTRALIA



SESSION ONE PANELLISTS – THE WORLD TODAY: POWER, CONFLICT & CHANGE



THE INFLATABLE AUKUS SUBMARINE, MADE BY THE PORT ADELAIDE ARTISTS FORUM – DOLLARS FOR WAR

THE DEMANDS

In two dedicated sessions, participants worked through the movement's priorities and focus — what unites us, what we want to achieve, and the obstacles in our way. The demands that follow arose from those discussions, and from the contributions of speakers across the weekend.

DEMAND 01

We demand an end to the United States military presence in Australia, including AUKUS (Pillars I and II), the Force Posture Agreement, and all arrangements designed to make Australian and United States forces operationally rotational, interoperable or interchangeable, including the recently established Combined Intelligence Centre–Australia.

DEMAND 02

We demand the development of a genuinely independent self-defence policy focused on the defence of Australia, and an end to Australian participation in United States-led wars, interventions and military operations.

DEMAND 03

We demand the closure of foreign military intelligence facilities, and operations in Australia, and an end to all United States access, deployment, basing and rotational arrangements. This includes operations and infrastructure at Pine Gap and North West Cape, the nuclear-powered submarine facilities at HMAS Stirling, and rotations of nuclear-capable US B-52 bombers at RAAF Base Tindal. We further demand the removal of all United States fuel, weapons, equipment and military infrastructure from Australian territory.

DEMAND 04

We demand compliance with international law and all applicable orders of the International Court of Justice, including an immediate end to Australian government support for Israel's genocide against the Palestinian people and an end to contracts with companies contributing to Israel's occupation, apartheid or military operations.

DEMAND 05

We demand that Australia's international relations be grounded in peaceful cooperation, mutual respect, and common interest.

DEMAND 06

We demand an end to the influence of the military-industrial complex in universities, schools, manufacturing, finance and banking, and a prohibition on the use of artificial intelligence for military aggression, mass surveillance and political repression.

DEMAND 07

We demand the redirection of the hundreds of billions of dollars committed to AUKUS towards urgent social and environmental needs, including climate action, public health, education, public transport, housing and sustainable manufacturing.

DEMAND 08

We demand an immediate and unconditional commitment to transparency in decision-making by elected representatives and public service personnel, including genuine freedom of information and the public release of the Office of National Intelligence's classified climate-security risk assessment, delivered to the Australian Government in December 2022.

DEMAND 09

We demand the rejection of nuclear weapons in Australia under any circumstances, including the stationing, deployment, transit, storage or use of nuclear weapons in or through Australian territory, ports, airfields and waters.

DEMAND 10

We demand a complete prohibition on the importation, generation, storage or disposal of nuclear waste in Australia, under any circumstances, whether temporary or permanent. We recognise the long-standing opposition of First Peoples and our responsibility to protect Country for future generations.

DEMAND 11

We demand Australia sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), and work actively for the elimination of nuclear weapons globally. Australia must become a nuclear-free and non-aligned nation promoting peaceful resolution of conflicts and disagreements.

DEMAND 12

We demand a diverse, independent and publicly accountable public media sector, including strengthened public-interest journalism, transparency of media ownership and fair representation of anti-war, peace and First Peoples' perspectives in public debate, together with the rejection of militarised propaganda and the manufacture of public consent for war.

These demands will not be granted from above; they will be won by a movement built across workplaces, communities, unions and faith groups, on the streets and around kitchen tables. To every person and organisation who shares these goals: build it with us.



EILEEN DARLEY AND BEN TYMUKAS SING MASTERS OF WAR

THE RECORD CONTINUES ONLINE

WATCH EVERY TALK FROM THE CONFERENCE

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Endorse this declaration. Organisations and individuals are invited to endorse the declaration and join the campaign for an independent and peaceful Australia: ipanaustralia@gmail.com

The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network acknowledges the Kaurna people, Traditional Custodians of the Adelaide Plains (Tarntanya), on whose unceded lands the 2026 National Conference took place. We pay our respects to Elders past and present. Sovereignty was never ceded.

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