

# Australia at the crossroads

## Time for an independent foreign policy



### National IPAN Conference Darwin, August 2nd – 4th, 2019

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- Why does Australia need an Independent Foreign Policy?
- What is the extent of foreign military facilities in Australia?
- What is the impact of militarism on the Environment?
- What are the costs of militarism to Australians?

Featuring a range of high profile and international speakers, including author and expert on US intelligence and military facilities Richard Tanter, Professor Lisa Natividad from Guam, Robin Taubenfeld from Friends of the Earth, a video link with John Pilger, (renowned investigative journalist and film maker) and both Abby Martin & Mike Prysner (from The Empire Files) and more...

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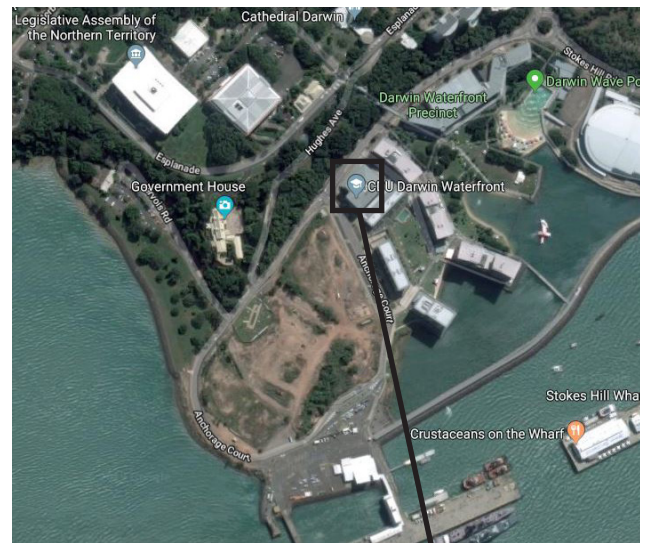
- International speakers
- Experts from across Australia
- Activists from the peace, community and trade union movements

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Public Lecture location-  
Friday evening  
CDU Waterfront campus  
- Main space Room 5.01

Conference Location - Saturday & Sunday -  
Charles Darwin Uni Casuarina Campus, Blue Building 1, Room 1.01



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# PROGRAM

**PUBLIC FORUM**  
**Australia at the Crossroads:  
Time for an Independent  
Foreign Policy**

**Friday 2nd August**  
Charles Darwin University  
Waterfront Campus

6.00pm  
6:30pm start  
\$10

*Welcome to Country*  
*Aust Greens Senator*  
*Prof. Lisa Natividad*

**Conference Dinner  
Saturday evening**

6:30pm  
Venue to be announced

**Public Protest  
Robertson Barracks**

3:00pm Saturday 4th August

**Practical Organising :**  
organising, campaigning &  
building the movement  
for peace and independence.

Workshops to discuss and plan  
future campaigns

**Where to from here?**



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## Saturday 3rd August

Charles Darwin University, Casuarina Campus Bldg Blue 1, Rm 1.01  
(Questions and Discussion after each Speaker and panel presentation)  
Registration: 8 am – 8:30 am

### 8:45 am: Session: Australian Foreign Policy

*John Pilger - Video Address.*

*Australia Greens Senator (to be announced).*

Overview of how current foreign policies are not acting in the interests of Australians or our neighbouring countries peoples.

*Assoc Professor Susan Harris Rimmer- Griffith University*

Looks at how an independent Australia taking a new direction in our foreign policies could benefit the people of the Pacific and establish an exciting path to building a sustainable secure and peaceful future.

*Henk Rumbawes- West Papua*

Discusses the situation in West Papua and the failure of Australian foreign policy to address the rights of West Papuans

### 1020 -10:40 Morning Tea

### 10:40am: Session: Foreign Bases

*Nick Deane- IPAN*

IPAN's reasons for calling for US marines to leave Darwin

*Dr Vince Scappatura (Macquarie Uni)*

The Australia-US Alliance in the context of rising tensions with China

*Professor Lisa Natividad- Indigenous Guam Chamorro representative*

Explores the strategy of US stationing of their military forces in an arc around China- inform on the conditions in Guam

*Dr Sue Wareham International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons*

The implications for Australia of joining the nuclear weapons ban treaty.

### 12.20 - 1.00pm Lunch (Contact IPAN re dietary requirements)

### 1:00pm Session: War and the Environment

*Robin Taubenfeld, Friends of the Earth*

Provides information on the extent to which preparing for and enacting war impact on human kinds ability to address climate change and environmental damage more generally. Speak to the FOE report

*Donna Jackson, Rapid Creek community group*

Provides the perspective of the Larrakia people on the contamination of Rapid Creek and other waterways in the NT

*Shar Molloy- NT Environment center*

Looks at the impact of a build up of military forces land air and sea on the Darwin/NT environment

### 3:00pm Public Protest Action at Robertson Barracks

## Sunday 4th August

Charles Darwin University, Casuarina Campus Bldg Blue 1, Rm 1.01  
Registration: 8:30 - 9:00am

### 9:00am Session: Costs of War

*Dr Margie Beavis- Medical Assn for the Prevention of War*

Overview of how Australians are being denied full use of our public funds and other 'costs' of militarism including the social costs eg PTSD Domestic violence, impact on women.

*Warren Smith- Maritime Union of Australia*

Union concerns about the projected \$200B to be spent on materiel purchased for aggressive engagement of our ADF- jobs being the issue. Peace and Justice is union business campaign through the union movement.

*Dr Alison Broinowski- ANU*

Cost to Australia's relationships with our regional neighbours and the Alliance Insurance policy where the premiums have gone through the roof leading to Australians now being at greater risk of the impacts of war

### 10.30 – 11.00 Morning Tea

11:10 - 11:15 pm *Shirley Winton - IPAN Inquiry into Military Spending*

11:15 - 12:15 pm *Working Groups - Where do we Go from Here?*

Practical organising session

### 12:15 Plenary session + Public Statement from Conference

### 1:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch

### 2:00 - 4:00 IPAN Annual General Meeting