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Peace in Pieces Exhibition- Trade Hall, 377 Sussex St, Sydney, 6pm
Thursday 7th August

80 Years of Hiroshima and Nagasaki- 89 seconds to Midnight- 10th
August, at 4pm, NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, 37
Reservoir St Surrey Hills

Peak Hour for Peace: Wadawurrung (Geelong) Every Friday 4-5pm
Details: @ipangeelongvicsouthwest

[IPAN Activities](#)

Report on [Launch](#) of IPAN's Campaign to Cancel AUKUS and terminate the FPA- 13th July.



Mary Kostakidis, journalist and former presenter on SBS, facilitated
IPAN's Launch Webinar

No War on China: Distinguished Australians declare alternative to AUKUS and FPA for peace and security

On Sunday 13 July, Doug Cameron, Patron of Labor Against War
(LAW) and former Federal Senator; Retired Major General Michael

Smith; Lawyer and Declassified Australia Journalist, Kellie Tranter and journalist, Mary Kostakidis (as facilitator) launched IPAN's *Call on the Australian Government* to Cancel both AUKUS and the Force Posture Agreement (FPA).

The futility of AUKUS was exposed amid various calls on the Australian Government to simultaneously cancel both AUKUS 2.0 and the Force Posture Agreement.

Doug Cameron called for Australia to make it clear to the US that we will retain our sovereign right not to be caught up in a war with a major trading partner

The launch was held via a well-attended [PUBLIC WEBINAR](#).

The [Petition](#) calls on the Australian Government to invoke the one year opt out clause in each of [AUKUS2.0\[i\]](#) and [Force Posture Agreement\[ii\]](#)

The aim of the campaign and petition is 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.

Campaign Petition: [SIGN HERE](#)

To join the campaigning group, contact Bevan Ramsden at bevanram1960@gmail.com

Download "Cancel AUKUS & FPA" Pamphlet [HERE](#)

IPAN Podcast: Oppose US war preparations in Australia and Pacific and Pacific Rim countries Listen [HERE](#)

IPAN Media Release: 16th July, 2025:

Australia Must Support No First Use Policies to Prevent Nuclear War!

- **16 July marks the 80th Anniversary of the Trinity nuclear bomb test at Alamogordo, New Mexico**
- **The risk of nuclear war, the biggest threat to human survival, has never been greater**
- **It's time for Labor to again take a global leadership role by pushing for *No First Use* policies**
- **Australia must support China's proposed five nation *No First Use Treaty***

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IPAN Submission:

Submission re: *Draft Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Regulations - Public Consultation*

Public consultation for the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Regulations

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Support IPAN's **Social Media Platforms**

Please support the IPAN's use of these four main communication platforms - and share stories and posts.

IPAN website

<https://ipan.org.au/> - see the options for taking action on the home page, e.g.

<https://ipan.org.au/write-a-letter-to-your-politician-stand-up-to-trump-on-gaza/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/IndependentAndPeacefulAustraliaNetwork/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/ipanaustralia/>

Twitter

x.com/IPAusNet

Call out for support for IPAN's vital work for Independence and Peace:

Request for regular Monthly Donations to support wages for paid staff

Given the current state of the world, the role of the peace movement in Australia could not be more critical. IPAN, as a national network, is engaging with a wide range of pressing issues and trying to reach and engage with the broader Australian population.

To support this work, we need to work across a range of platforms and in innovative ways to promote the message of independence and peace for Australia. Having a greater social media presence helps expand IPAN's reach and amplify other work that we do, such as providing more exposure for our media releases, campaigns and events.

If you would like to support the work of IPAN's part time Social Media Worker, Cate Adams, you can donate [HERE](#)

Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Hiroshima- Warning to the World



View David Bradbury's documentary [HERE](#)

The atomic bombing of Hiroshima-Nagasaki- 80th Anniversary



Sydney marks 80th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with a rally at Sydney Town Hall and March to the Australian Defence Department.

Very moving speeches by writer Sara Haddad, ICAN campaigner Gem Romuld, Peter Murphy of the Sydney ANTI-AUKUS Coalition, and Naruaki Cann, who was born in Hiroshima linked this solemn occasion to the struggle against genocide in Gaza and the need for Australia to get out of AUKUS and sign the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

Over 100 people took part, and called on the people of Sydney to join the March for Humanity over the Sydney Harbour Bridge on August 3, 1pm, to stop the starvation in Gaza.





The Fire Still Burns

Hiroshima, Disarmament
& Resistance



Wed 6 August
7-8pm AEST

Featuring Peter

FREE: [REGISTER HERE](#)

This webinar is one of many events ICAN Australia and our partners are hosting across the country to mark this milestone. [Explore more Hiroshima and Nagasaki 80th anniversary events here.](#)

International

Pacific Peace Conference Meanjin, Brisbane August 2nd 2025

On Saturday 2nd August a successful Pacific Peace Conference was held at the Qld Nurses and Midwives Union in Meanjin Brisbane.

In attendance were 80 people in person and 45 people online from the Pacific, Australia Aotearoa, Canada and other countries. The conference was supported and partnered with the Pacific Peace Network, IPAN, ICAN, Just Peace Qld, UNAAQ and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Presentations from a range of people covered the current situation globally, the Pacific, Australia and with specific focuses on the use of nuclear weapons in Hiroshima and Nagasaki 80 years ago and the current US led war exercise Talisman Sabre in Australia.

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Petition to Pacific and Pacific Rim Governments including the Australian government

IPAN urges support for this signature and solidarity campaign by the

peoples of the Pacific and Pacific Rim countries of which Australia is part.

It is a call on the Australian government and all those countries' governments in our region and the petition, with signatures, will be presented to our government later this year and to the U.N General Assembly.

Please Sign [HERE](#)



The call on governments reads:

For sustainable peace and the survival of our peoples and environment, we urge you to:

- *Refuse to join military preparations for a US-China war;*
- *Declare you will not fight in a US-China war;*
- *Declare neutrality should such a war break out;*
- *Do not allow your territory or waters to be used in such a war, including the collection and relay of military intelligence, sales of weapons and hosting combatant troops and facilities*

Here's how to take action:

- Please sign & share the petition [here!](#)
- Email ppnpacificpeace@gmail.com if you can volunteer to help

with collecting petition signatures

Please propagate among friends, organisations and work mates

Let's keep Australia out of a US-China War and help prevent it.



Pacific Rim countries say no to U.S.-China war

As the U.S. pushes Pacific Rim allies to ramp up military spending for a possible war with China, a new campaign asks: at what cost and for whose benefit?

Independent  Australia



The International Peace Bureau (IPB), in cooperation with the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Greenpeace, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Oxfam, and [350.org](https://www.350.org), has released a global call to action for nuclear and conventional disarmament, common security, and a prioritization of sustainable development over militarism.

Read the statement [HERE](#)

Palestine - Gaza

Sydney, Sunday 3rd August, 2025: Massive message to Australia's political leadership



300,000 Marched for Humanity and occupied the Sydney Harbour Bridge and its approaches, for 2.4 km, sending a massive message to Australia's political leadership.

**"Act to stop the genocide and starvation in Gaza!
Sanction Israel Now!
Ceasefire now!
Free Palestine!!"**



Protest rallies and marches also occurred on 3rd August in other capital cities, calling for sanctions on Israel, supporting Palestinians and opposing genocide and starvation in Gaza. More than 25,000 marched in Melbourne.



Five pro-Palestinian protesters in Canberra disrupt question time demanding sanctions to Israel



Pro-Palestinian protesters have disrupted question time, shouting “sanction Israel now” amid growing pressure for Labor to recognise Palestinian statehood and take greater action on Israel amid the death of civilians in Gaza.

The group of five Canberra locals Katherine Kelly, 77, Marie Ryan, 78, Anne Yuille, 77, Dr Rosie Yuille, 74, Dr Joan Garvan, 74 staged a protest from the public gallery, repeatedly shouting: “Sanction Israel now,” carrying painted banners saying the same thing....

Ms Kelly said the group felt compelled to go to parliament to do “what we could” to show the government their anger over a lack of action against Israel.

Convergence in Canberra - Sanction Israel Now!





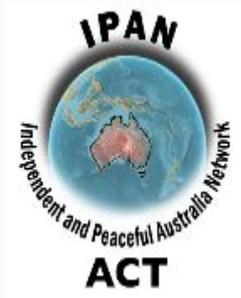
With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, 2nd August, 2025

Gaza: Options for urgent action put to parliamentarians

by Margaret Reynolds and Stuart Rees

Organising to meet a considerable number of federal parliamentarians in Canberra during a sitting week is never easy but that was the goal of Australians for Humanity desperate for new ways for Australia to contribute to urgent humanitarian action in Gaza.

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**Rally for Gaza today and every Saturday, 12 noon,
Canberra Civic Square!**

- **Demand an end to the deliberate starvation of hundreds of thousands of Gazans!**
- **Demand the release of Palestinian hostages in Israeli prisons!**
- **Demand an end to the attacks in the West Bank!**

Send a letter here to the PM demanding that he condemn the Gaza genocide and stop all trade with Israel, put sanctions on Israel now.

Watch "Australia sends "Non-lethal" F-35 Fighter Jet parts to Israel admits Foreign Minister Penny Wong" on YouTube.

View HERE

[AUKUS & Nuclear issues & War](#)

Vic ALP State Conference takes a stand on AUKUS passing the following resolutions:

The Commonwealth and Federal Relations Policy Committee intends to take the following actions in relation to AUKUS:

1. Call on the Commonwealth Government to establish an independent parliamentary inquiry into the AUKUS partnership with full powers of reference.
2. Call on the Commonwealth Government to suspend participation in the AUKUS pact and funding of UK and US shipbuilding Industrial Base, pending the results of the inquiry.
3. Make a submission to any future inquiry recommending withdrawal from the AUKUS partnership.
4. Recommend amending the ALP National Platform to remove 'including AUKUS' from point 25, Chapter 7, Australia's Place in a Changing World.

Port Adelaide Community Opposing AUKUS - Fund Raising Concert

Tickets - www.trybooking.com

NO PLACE FOR A NUCLEAR BASE



FUNDRAISER • A PEOPLE'S CONCERT



Tin Can Alley
Eileen Darley/Peter Douglas

Special Guest

ERIC BOGLE

Geoff Goodfellow
The Steve Charles Band

Tickets \$20 / Concession \$15

AUGUST 2
7:30 PM

**SEMAPHORE
WORKERS CLUB,
SEMAPHORE**

**PRESENTED BY PORT ADELAIDE
COMMUNITY OPPOSING AUKUS**

TICKETS - www.trybooking.com

Marrickville Public Meeting: Cancel AUKUS; No war with China!



100 attended the public meeting on Saturday 26th July, at Marrickville Library Pavilion calling for cancellation of AUKUS

This was a very successful public forum with five excellent speakers and a 40-minute open session for comments, questions and suggestions. Attendance was over 100 and there was standing room only in the Marrickville Library Annex. It was convened by the Sydney Anti-AUKUS Coalition and Mobilise Against AUKUS and War.

Speakers:

Marcus Strom, Convenor of Labor Against War

Gem Romuld, Australian director of International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

Wanning Sun, Professor of media and communications, UTS

Alison Broinowski, Australians for War Powers Reform

David Shoebridge, NSW Senator and Greens foreign affairs and defence spokesperson

The meeting was introduced by Nick Deane on behalf of the Marrickville Peace Group. Nick thanked the Inner West Council for the free hire of the venue. Nick reflected on the role of racism and white supremacy in the invasion of Australia, in the Palestine genocide and also in the thinking behind AUKUS.

Pip Hinman, for the Sydney Anti-AUKUS Coalition, was the MC for the

meeting, and set the scene with the latest developments with the AUKUS project and the very immediate agreement between Australia and the UK for a 50-year Treaty to support AUKUS.

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With acknowledgement to Michael West Media, 22nd July, 2025

Trillion dollar AUKUS subs plus nuclear waste in perpetuity?

by Rex Patrick

Everything about AUKUS nuclear waste is a political secret, including the cost, which will more than double the \$368B announced AUKUS price tag. Former submariner **Rex Patrick** with the story.

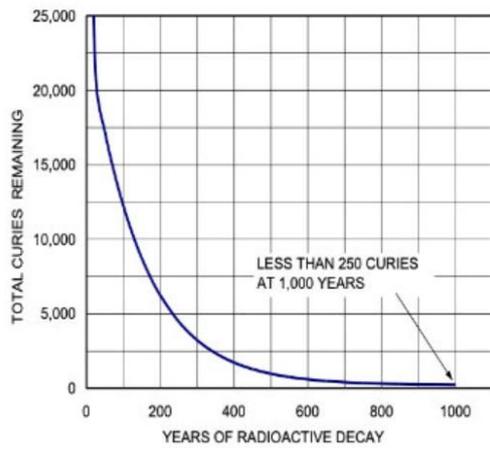
If we ever get these subs, the total price tag may well be over \$1 trillion. I'm in the Federal Court at present, trying to pry open a November 2023 report into how the Government intends to deal with the high-level nuclear waste from AUKUS submarines.

But there's already a lot we can deduce by combining what has been extracted from the Government using Freedom of Information (FOI) laws, from Senate testimony and also looking at how the United States does and doesn't take care of its naval nuclear waste.

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Nuclear Submarine reactor compartment separation



Radioactivity in a Reactor Plant v Time After Final Operation –
(Source: US DoD)

Radioactive decay graph

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**AUSTRALIA HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO
GET OUT OF THE AUKUS SECURITY PACT.
WE SHOULD TAKE IT.**

Dear Prime Minister Anthony Albanese

AUKUS ties Australia ever closer to an increasingly
volatile and aggressive America.

Australia Institute research shows over half of Australians
(57%) support a Parliamentary Inquiry into AUKUS.

**We call on the Australian Government to establish a
Parliamentary Inquiry into the AUKUS security pact,
in line with Australia's national security and best interests.**

The **Australia
Institute**
research that matters.

Add your name >





Australian Citizens Party

Tuesday, 8 July, 2025

Demand AUKUS inquiry—now!

Call or email your federal MP to demand they support a parliamentary inquiry into the AUKUS partnership and \$368 billion submarine deal.

AUKUS is the retro security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, hence the acronym, cooked up between then-Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, UK PM Boris Johnson, and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in 2020-21 (all now thoroughly discredited ex-politicians).

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Australian Government locks Australia into 50 year AUKUS-aligned Pact costing \$49 billion



According to Defence Connect:

"A landmark 50-year AUKUS treaty has been formally agreed between the United Kingdom and Australia, deepening bilateral defence ties, reinforcing strategic cooperation and unlocking an estimated £20 billion (AU\$40.9 billion) in UK trade over the next 25 years.

The treaty underpins the delivery of conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarines and represents the most significant step forward in UK–Australia defence cooperation in a generation.

The program is designed not only to deliver sovereign conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability to Australia but to elevate allied industrial cooperation and technology sharing to an unprecedented level."

With acknowledgement to 9 News, 10th July, 2025

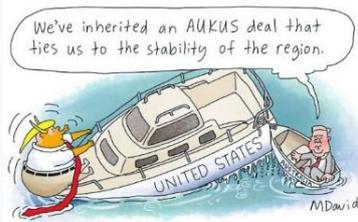
Push for major changes to AUKUS in US: report

Story by 9News Staff

The Pentagon is reportedly considering adding extra costs and conditions to the AUKUS deal, including demanding Australia's nuclear submarines support the US in a conflict with China.

The US Department of Defence announced a review of the trilateral agreement in June.

"The department is reviewing AUKUS as part of ensuring that this initiative of the previous administration is aligned with the President's America First agenda," a US defence official confirmed to 9News at the time.



Australia must break ties with U.S. on defence

Australia needs a new and independent defence policy, which isn't reliant on the United States.

Independent  Australia

Defence, Sovereignty and Independence



Talisman Sabre 2025 Protest at Amberley RAAF base Qld

Local peace groups and IPAN in Brisbane organised a protest at the locked gates of Amberley RAAF airbase on Saturday 26th July. A mixed group of people gathered in Brisbane to don their cars with messages and to then travel 46km to Amberley. The group gathered at the locked gates of this airbase being used during the US led Talisman Sabre exercise where 40000 personnel were in Australia to rehearse for war against China.

Visiting for the Pacific Peace Conference Mere Tuilau spoke along with others sharing their concerns and opposition to rising militarism across the Pacific

Militarism in the NT



Militarism in the NT

@militarisminthent

We're gathered here today at Kuyunba, about 500 metres away from the gates to the Pine Gap targeting facility. I say targeting facility and not spy base, because National Security Agency (NSA) documents and the Edward Snowden leaks prove that Pine Gap provides targeting data for US drone and missile strikes in places such as Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Gaza, Yemen and Somalia, to name just a few. Pine Gap is a place of aggression, a place of counterinsurgency. Pine Gap is a place where people are made disposable in the most literal sense. Pine Gap is integral to the global US war machine. As a former US National Security Agency employee put it, drones are "like the tip of the spear but the rest of the spear is actually the global communications surveillance system" of which Pine Gap is one of the most important parts.

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With acknowledgement to Independent Australia, 22nd July, 2025

Force Posture, no peace: Calls to cancel Australia's US military ties

As the U.S. expands its military footprint across Australia and the Pacific, peace advocates warn that we're being dragged into a devastating war not of our making, writes Bevan Ramsden.

THE UNITED STATES is increasing its military footprint in Australia, the Pacific and Pacific Rim countries as it prepares for war against China. In Australia, the *Force Posture Agreement (FPA)* and large-scale war exercises such as Talisman Sabre and Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) integrate our Australian Defence Force (ADF) with the U.S. military and under the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in preparation for such a war scenario.

The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) is calling for the cancellation of both the *FPA* and AUKUS as steps to keep Australia out of such a potentially disastrous war.

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[Human Rights and Democracy](#)



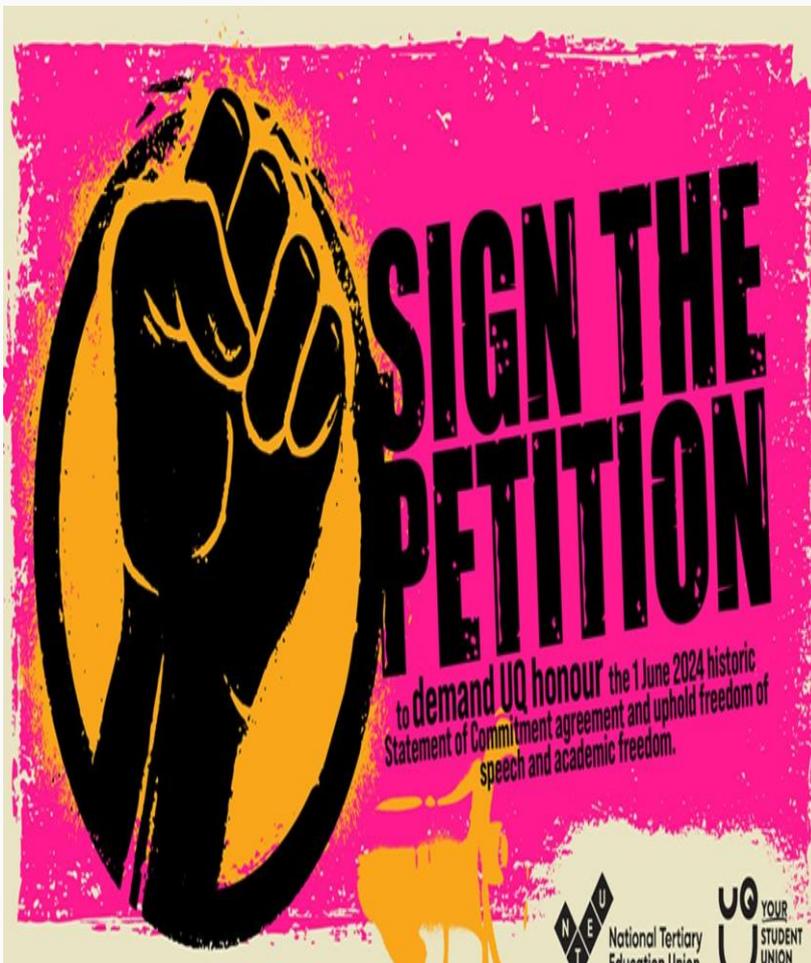
Bearing Witness at the Kumanjayi Walker Coronial Inquest Report
Yuendumu NT July 2025

Gaza –A boiling pot of Genocide – visible to the world

Alice Springs - Genocide on a slow boil

Brewing by administration – silenced Nationally, visible to the world

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SIGN THE PETITION

What can I do to support freedom of speech and academic freedom at University of Queensland?

1. Sign and share our petition, calling on the VC to honour ALL the promises made in the Statement of Commitment ([View Statement of Commitment Here](#))
2. Write to the VC, asking her to honour all aspects of the Statement of Commitment, and to make a serious commitment to freedom of speech and academic freedom at UQ. Email the VC at vc@uq.edu.au; ([Click here for some suggested text](#))
3. Join our public forum at 12noon, Tuesday, 5 August.

SIGN THE PETITION

962 days in solitary confinement under the orders of the United States

Support Dan Duggan's family in their fight to overturn extradition to the U.S. decision



Court date set

Dan and his family finally have a hearing date set for August to determine if the former Attorney General's decision to allow the US extradition was flawed.

It's been **962 days since Dan was thrown into solitary confinement with no Australian charges**. The family has been refused legal aid, their home has been confiscated and Dan, the main income earner is gone.

Read full update [HERE](#)

Read the background to Dan Duggan's arrest and solitary confinement under the orders of the United States, [HERE](#)

Assange Campaign Australia

Every Action Counts

Together, we must push for a pardon for Julian and ensure that the persecution he endured is never repeated again.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY

1. EMAIL PRESIDENT TRUMP AND THE PARDON ATTORNEY ☒

With a new pardon attorney soon to be appointed, we need your help to make our request for a pardon for Julian impossible to ignore. Join the 6,000+ people who have already sent an email to President Trump.

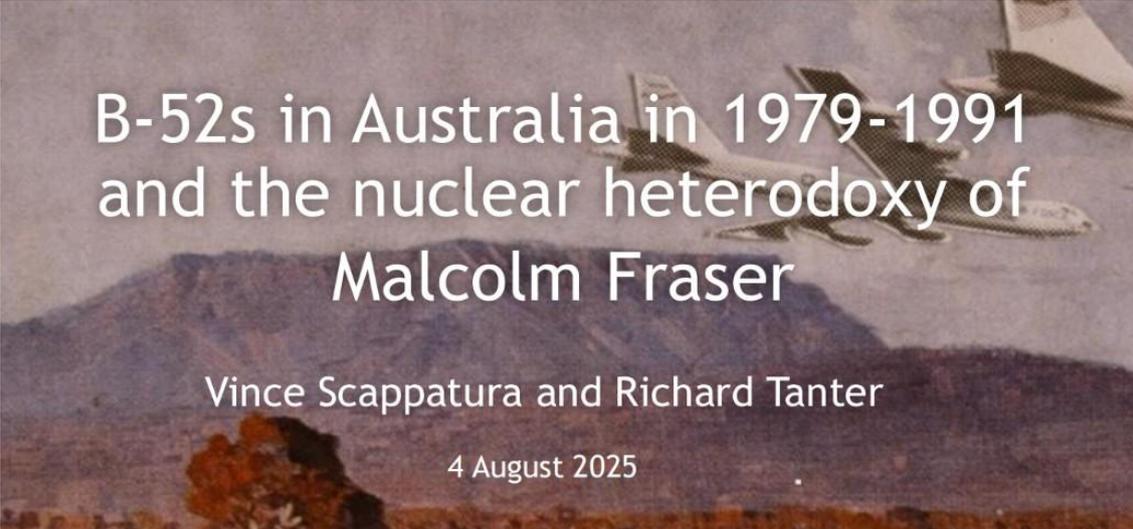
EMAIL NOW

2. DONATE 🙏

Your support is crucial as we continue pushing for a pardon to reverse the dangerous precedent set by Julian's plea agreement. Can you chip in \$25 to the campaign to raise awareness and support for Julian's pardon?

DONATE HERE

[Interesting articles and books](#)



B-52s in Australia in 1979-1991 and the nuclear heterodoxy of Malcolm Fraser

Vince Scappatura and Richard Tanter

4 August 2025

Vince Scappatura and Richard Tanter, 'B-52 strategic bombers in Australia, 1979 - 1991: the nuclear heterodoxy of Malcolm Fraser,' Nautilus Institute Special Report, 4 August 2025, at <https://nautilus.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/B-52-operations-in-Australia-1979-1991.pdf>.

Release date: 4 August 09.00 AEST.

More details a [HERE](#)

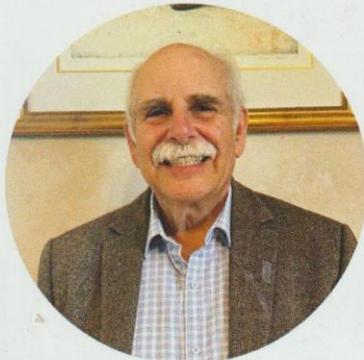
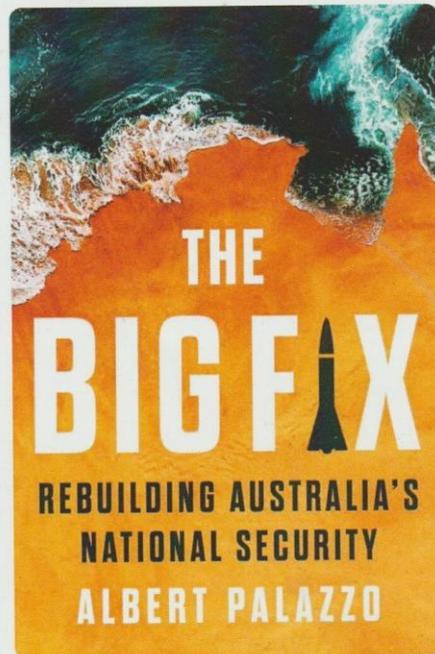
**The Big Fix: Rebuilding Australia's National Security
by Albert Palazzo**

THE BIG FIX

Rebuilding Australia's National Security

The character of war is constantly changing, and so too must the approach to national security. But Australia's defence policy is broken.

In *The Big Fix*, defence strategist Albert Palazzo proposes a defence policy centred on the strategic defensive, which presents the best military fit for Australia, given its geography and the current state of military technology. He elevates climate change to primacy in the national security hierarchy and explains how we cannot afford to ignore it as a security factor.



Albert Palazzo is an adjunct professor at UNSW Canberra in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. He has written more than twenty books on the art of war, Australian military history and national security policy.



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Coming Events

ICAN : **The fire still burns-** Hiroshima, Disarmament & Resistance:
Wed 6th August 7-8pm AEST

Register [HERE](#)



PEACE IN PIECES EXHIBITION

Explores the Sydney response to bombing of
Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Launch of the Exhibition
Trades Hall

377 Sussex St Sydney
6 pm Thursday 7th Aug

Canberra City Square, **Rally for Gaza**, every Saturday at 11 noon

**80 Years of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
89 Seconds to Midnight**



Speakers

Dr Ruth Mitchell

Chair of the Board of the
International Physicians
for the Prevention of Nuclear War
(IPPNW)

Dr Vince Scappatura

Sessional Academic in the
School of International Studies
Macquarie University

10th August 2025

**NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre
37 Reservoir St, Surry Hills**

Organized By

Muslim Collective

Hiroshima Day Committee Sydney

International Campaign to
Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

This event at the NSW Teachers Federation starts at 4 pm on 10th August.



RAPID PUBLIC RESPONSE

In the event of an imminent major military conflict, military invasion or war actually breaking out, IPAN organisations in the following states, urge everyone to rally :

In Melbourne, outside the State Library in Swanston St, Melbourne, from 5pm that evening- bring banners and placards - family and friends

In Adelaide, on Parliament Steps at 4.30 pm that evening – bring banners and placards – family and friends.

In Newcastle, at the Clocktower, Hamilton, 4.30pm that evening- bring banners and placards and tell family and friends

In Canberra, on the median strip at the corner of London Circuit and Northbourne Ave.

In Brisbane, at King George Square, 5 pm

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- *provide a medium for communication of their campaigns and activities*
- *provide a medium for discussion of issues central to IPAN's objectives*
- *provide affiliates with details of co-ordinating committee activities, media releases, lobbying activities and other actions taken on behalf of IPAN*
- * provide information on issues/events relating to IPAN's objectives*