# **BOOT COLLECTION FOR PEACE.**

#### You can help kick the

### **US MARINES OUT OF DARWIN!**

**IT'S TIME TO** 

## You can help!

IPAN is collecting old boots (or shoes), to deliver them to the Australian Government, urging it to give the US marines the "boot".

If you have any you can contribute, please leave them near your letterbox next weekend and we will pick them up.

#### Join the campaign!

PA

and Peaceful Austra

Email: giveemtheboot2@gmail.com or phone 0418 697 528 (Newcastle) or 0420 526 929 (Sydney)

### For Peace sake, the US marines must leave Darwin!

Did you know that, under a 25-year agreement, up to 2,500 armed US marines are routinely stationed in Darwin?

In 2011, the Gillard ALP government announced this without parliamentary or public debate. No plausible justification for the move has ever been provided.

The troops are kept in constant readiness for deployment at short notice, on a command from Washington. Their presence in Darwin means that **Australia's sovereign independence has been jeopardised.** 

The US troops are not here for our defence (the ADF is quite capable of defending Australia) - they are an attack force for maintaining US domination in the Asia-Pacific region.

These marines and the spy base at Pine Gap means that, in the event of war between the US and any one of its numerous enemies, Australia, as part of the US war machine, will be exposed to the threat of a retaliatory attack.

It is costing the Australian tax payer a significant proportion of the stated **\$2-3 billion** necessary to establish this US military presence in Australia, plus additional, annual maintenance costs. This money would be better spent on pressing social needs such as housing, health care, education and aged care.

To regain our independence and self-respect, and for a peaceful future, we say





An initiative of the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN).