

IPAN Peace and Justice are Union Business (PJUB) Working Group

Aims and Objectives

1. PJUB supports IPAN's aims and objectives - attached
2. We acknowledge this country was violently seized from the First People 230 years ago. We pay our respects to the First People's long struggle for justice and self-determination. We affirm that genuine Australian independence cannot be achieved without a just and sovereign Treaty with the Indigenous people of this land.
3. PJUB promotes an independent Australian foreign policy that builds peace and justice; respects national sovereignty and the rights of people and countries to self-determination.
4. PJUB supports campaigns to win workers rights to organise, to strike, to picket and take industrial action, and other rights contained in the United Nations Labour (ILO) Conventions.

PJUB supports the rights of workers and unions to take action in support of global peace, social justice and community issues that advance the interests of working people.

5. PJUB supports the moves towards an independent Australian Republic that guarantees the rights of workers.
6. We continue to uphold the long history and tradition of Australia's workers and unions' active involvement (and leadership) in the anti-war, peace and social justice movements.
7. PJUB aims to raise awareness and build a broad-based campaign in the union movement involving rank and file workers, retired and unemployed workers, for peace, justice and independence from US and all big powers.

8. Why Peace and Justice is Union Business

- Workers and working people are the main casualties of wars.

Our Defence Force personnel are workers in uniform, and while they bear the brunt, it is working class communities too that wear the consequences. Physical and psychological injuries break-up children's families and homes; our public health systems pick up the pieces but still, too often, lives end in tragic circumstances. For many life is reduced to just surviving. To pay this price is a cost way too high.

- Working people's taxes should not be diverted from public and community needs
 - public health, education, affordable housing, welfare and building local and sustainable industries and secure jobs in Australia – to Australia's involvement in foreign wars of aggression and acquisition of weapons from multinational weapons manufacturers for offensive wars, not for Australia's self-defence.

Australia can be self-reliant and has the ability to safeguard our security and sovereignty. The Australian working people have the skills, knowledge and creativity to design and build our own self-defence industries and strategies, and do not need to depend on any big powers.

- The subservience and support of the Australian government for US. policies and its global wars threatens the security and sovereignty of Australia's people.

9. International Solidarity with working people

Build international solidarity with unions and workers in the peace and anti-war movements in New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, U.S. and Germany (others)