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PM sends warship, war plane and defence personnel to Persian Gulf in response to United States' request



A warship, surveillance aircraft and up to 200 defence personnel will be sent to the Persian Gulf as part of the pledge (pictured, HMAS Stuart pictured in 2015)

The request was made during a visit by the U.S. Secretary of State and U.S. Secretary of Defence at the AUSMIN talks in Sydney earlier this month



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo with Australia's Foreign Affairs Minister Marise Payne at the Ausmin summit, Sydney, 3rd August, 2019

ABC News Report 21/8/19

Australia will send a warship, war plane and Defence Force personnel to the Persian Gulf to join an international effort to combat action in the Straits of Homuz.

PM Morrison announced the move this morning saying it was in support of U.S.-led efforts to keep the Straits of Homuz open to

shipping.

America's European allies have been loth to join these efforts for fear of provoking open conflict. PM Morrison (however) says: "Australia's core interest in this mission is de-escalation".

The Labor Party supports Scott Morrison's decision

ALP Shadow Minister for Defence, Richard Marles said:

"The opposition supported the commitment on the basis that it was "tightly framed" around freedom of navigation for commercial shipping in the Gulf."



Negative response to U.S. request from other countries

Japan, NZ, South Korea, Germany and Spain are among the countries that have refused to accede to the U.S. request to send ships and military forces to the Straits of Hormuz.

Russia's Response:

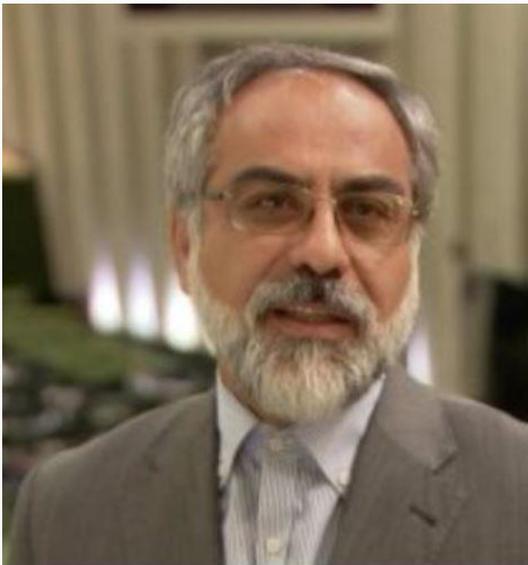
"We have an impression that Washington is just seeking a pretext to both escalate tensions and pursue its aggressive rhetoric against

Iran and proceed to a more active phase of the conflict", Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said at a briefing in Moscow on Thursday.

"There is a feeling that Washington is looking for a pretext for war," the Russian foreign ministry announced.

China's response:

China's foreign minister voiced opposition to the U.S.'s unilateral sanctions against Iran and pledged to support Tehran's efforts to safeguard its interests, as the U.S. ratchets up pressure on the Islamic Republic's economy.



And what does Iran say ?

"Iran is capable of shutting the Strait of Hormuz -- a crucial choke-point for oil flows -- but doesn't want to do it", the country's foreign minister said.

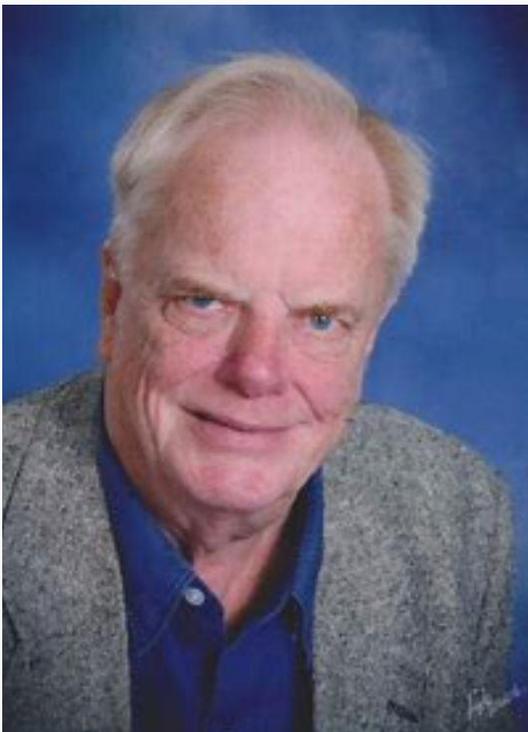
"We certainly have the ability to do it, but we certainly don't want to do it because the Strait of Hormuz and the Persian Gulf are our lifeline," Mohammad Javad Zarif said Wednesday in an interview with Bloomberg Television in New York. "It has to be secured. We play a big role in securing it, but it has to be secure for everybody."

Recently, Iranian's President Hassan Rouhani said: "Iran does not

seek tension with the world. We want security in the Middle East. We want better and friendly ties with other countries". Furthermore, commenting on nuclear weapons, he said," Seeking nuclear bomb weapons was banned under a fatwa issued by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei", referring to a religious decree issued in the early 2000s by Iran's top authority that bans the development or use of nuclear weapons."We have never wanted nuclear weapons because of our supreme leader's fatwa," he said.

The PM's decision made by himself and some faceless security advisors was never debated in Parliament or in the public domain.

It is strongly opposed in the Australian community



Peter Leahy, ex Chief of the Australian Army says: "I am not sure how the deployment of a war ship and war plane is going to de-escalate things". He says he is not surprised at the decision but he had been hoping that the government would not deploy to the Straits of Hormuz at all.... "Without the strategies being clearly defined and the red

line drawn, I think there is a severe chance of mission creep". "I think the US should pull back from maximum pressure; Iran is at breaking point and we don't need them at that point when their alternatives and means of action is very limited".

The Green's Leader

Richard Di Natalie says:"

"It is a grave mistake for Australian troops to be deployed to the Strait of Hormuz: it shows nothing was learned from the catastrophe that was the invasion of Iraq.

The senator said it's "a conflict that risks escalating severely, a conflict that was provoked by the US itself by withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal".

He raised concerns that the deployment could spill Australian blood and cost lives and instead



“cool heads” and diplomacy is needed.



Paul Barratt is a former Department of Defence secretary and a Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade:

"I again call on the Prime Minister to hold a debate in our Parliament before the ADF is deployed. It is imperative that no military action – or any hostile action that could foreseeably lead to military action – be undertaken before such a debate occurs, along with a vote by all our elected representatives.

Australian foreign policy should be made by Australians, not by the incumbent of the White House who has trashed one of the best examples in recent years of what diplomacy can achieve."

**Dr Sue Wareham, President,
Medical Association for
Prevention of War (MAPW)**

The Medical Association for Prevention of War strongly criticises the Australian government's decision to join yet another military adventure in the Middle East, this time against Iran.

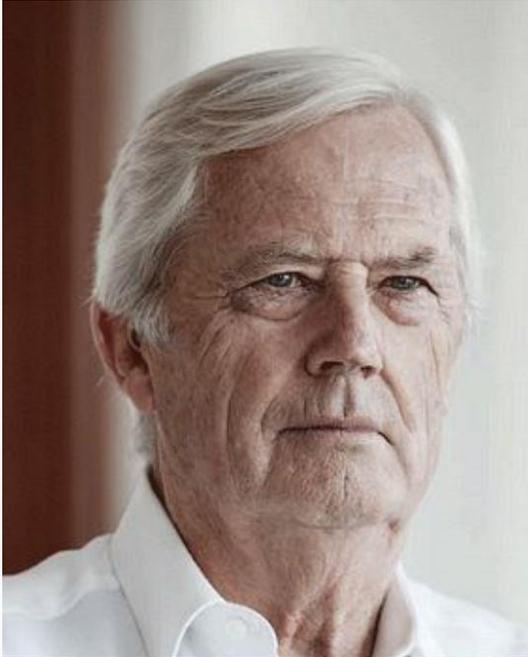
“Australian governments have learnt nothing from the multiple military deployments we've made since 2001”, said MAPW President Dr Sue Wareham.

“The government's claim that they want de-escalation is nonsense”, Dr Wareham said.

“Warships and surveillance aircraft are not the way to de-escalate a crisis. If we wanted de-escalation, we would make it clear to the US that we want resumption of the JCPOA. In addition, this matter would be debated in our



parliament, so that all options could be addressed.”



John Menadue, AO, is an Australian businessman and public commentator, and formerly a senior public servant and diplomat

"Trump got us into this dispute with Iran by withdrawing from the nuclear deal. Almost every other country has been appalled. US intervention in Iran goes back to the CIA engineering the overthrow of the Mossadek government in Iran in the 1950's.

War and violence is part of the American DNA. It is always at war on some spurious pretext. It gets us into trouble time and time again. We need to stop the way we continually humiliate and demean ourselves."

Other community voices of opposition to the PM's decision

CICD - Campaign for International Cooperation and

Disarmament "The U.S. is involved in wars, clashes and confrontations with almost too many nations to count. Is Australia going to follow U.S. to every war? This time war with Iran? What has Iran ever done to Australia? Iran is not a threat to Australia or any other country. Hands off Iran."

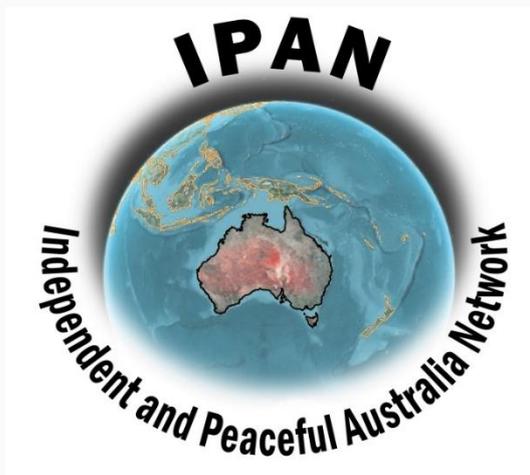
Pax Christi : Prof. Joseph Camilleri:

The Morrison Government's decision to send a military force to the Strait of Hormuz is the latest in a long series of blunders that have led Australia down the path of costly and futile military interventions. The reason to intervene has nothing to do with any threat to Australia's security or any other aspect of our national interest. It has everything to do with blind allegiance to an imperial power now in decline but intent on putting on a tantrum.

Our decision to take part in this military expedition has no rationale other than to follow in America's attempts to intimidate Iran and continue to bolster its enemies in the region, notably Israel and Saudi Arabia. The action is illegal and devoid of international support. It is the latest act in the Trump-Johnson-Morrison clown show, which would be laughable, were it not so dangerous. It has all the hallmarks of the Bush-Blair-Howard act which saw the unleashing of a bloodbath in Iraq from which its people are still to recover.

This latest foray into mindless militarism must be met by unwavering

criticism by all thoughtful Australians.



IPAN's response to the PM's announcement

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 21st
August 2019

Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)

Australia shows contempt for an international rules-based order, agreeing to join the US and UK with a naval, air and ADF personel presence in the Persian Gulf without any national debate or UN resolution.

PM Scott Morrison announced today that Australia would join an international mission to protect trade through the Strait of Horumz. The international force consists of the UK, US, Australia and Bahrain.

Spokesperson for the Independent and Peaceful Australia network, Ms Brownlie said: "This is being presented as protection of the flow of oil through the Persian Gulf and in Australia's national interest, but it is clear the US is chafing at the bit for an opportunity to attack Iran having spent many years imposing harsh sanctions on the people and most recently pulling out of the JCPOA effectively destroying prospects for peace with Iran."

"it is also worth noting the irresponsibility of our government in allowing our oil stocks to be so low making us more vulnerable to supply issues creating a dependence on the US to provide back-up

reserves”

“The last illegal action taken by the US ,UK and Australia was to form the so-called coalition of the willing to mount an attack and invasion of Iraq opening a pandora’s box of instability in the whole region”

“Australia has no interest in a conflict in the Persian Gulf, and no enmity towards Iran. Such a conflict without a UN Security Council resolution would be illegal, and would expose Australian leaders and the ADF to accusations of the war crime of aggression,” said Ms Brownlie.

Former secretary of the defence department, Paul Barratt, told The Guardian. Australian involvement in potential military action in the Gulf could be illegal, and argued it was “very foolish for us to get involved in this provocative behaviour”.

“This is an application of military force. There ought to be a debate in the parliament, and we ought not to engage in any activity that would foreseeably involve the use of military force without that debate,” he said.

“Australian leaders need to heed the lessons of the past. Its time we decoupled from US foreign policy and act independently in the interests of peace and stability,” said Ms Brownlie.

With Acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations,24/8/19

& reposted from New Daily, 21/8/19

All the way with Trump’s USA ... this time into the Strait of Hormuz

by Michael Pascoe

Here we go again – joining an American military adventure created by Donald Trump, an adventure that has no end in sight. Nobody with a sense of history and Liberal Party politics can be surprised that Prime Minister Scott Morrison is donating Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force personnel and assets to a flashpoint created by President Trump and his cabal of warmongers.

Mr Morrison wants to focus on the broad principles of open trade routes and the importance of oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz.

He doesn't want to discuss or think about what created the problem: The Trump regime's unilateral abandonment of the Iran nuclear deal and imposition of severe sanctions on Iran.

With all the arrogance of American exceptionalism in general and Mr Trump in particular, the US is using its financial power to force other nations to abide by its sanctions policy.

The US wants to cut off Iran's lifeblood – oil exports. Iran has retaliated by threatening the oil exports of America's Arab allies.

Who is responsible for this crisis?

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With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, Posted on [14 August 2019](#)

American Missiles in Darwin?

by Dr Vince Scappatura

While in Australia last week for the annual Australia-US Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN), U.S. Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo,

twice hinted at the possibility of Australia becoming host to American missiles pointed at China. The idea was floated after U.S. Secretary of Defence, Mark Esper, announced America's withdrawal from the Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty and declared the Pentagon's intention to deploy conventional ground-launched missiles in Asia.....

The Australian government characterises Australia-U.S. military exercises as enhancing interoperability, and the Australia-US alliance more broadly as compatible with Australian sovereignty. At the same time, Australia is now more integrated and dependent on the U.S. than at any other time in its history, bound together by what former ambassador to the U.S., Kim Beazley, has referred to as the "deep state" among the intelligence communities, the military and the arms industry.

Consequently, it is now extremely difficult for Australia to extricate itself from any potential future U.S. wars, including most worrisomely with China, and it makes it near impossible for the Australian Defence Force to conduct its own independent military operations without U.S. approval and support.

That should be of concern to all Australians, whether we end up hosting American missiles or not.

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News.com.au

US missiles in north Australia not ruled out

Foreign Minister Marise Payne has danced around discussing the deployment of US ground-based missiles in the north of Australia, saying only that the country "consistently welcomed (US) force and presence."

This weekend's Australia-US ministerial consultations in Sydney come soon after the termination of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, an arms control agreement between the US and Russia that has stood since 1988.

US Defense Secretary Mark Esper has since told reporters he'd like to see ground-based arms stationed in Asia as a military deterrent amid what he perceives as "an era of great power competition".

When asked about the prospect of US ground-based, non-nuclear missiles stationed in the north of Australia, Senator Payne and Defence Minister Linda Reynolds kept their cards close to their chests.

ABC News 16/8/19

US to spend \$305 million on military aircraft upgrades in the Northern Territory

- The ABC revealed in July this year that a draft US Congressional bill had \$US211.5 million allocated for new "Navy Military Construction" in Darwin

- NT Chief Minister has confirmed he reached out and established that the money would be spent on ramps for the Ospreys

Gas Company Inpex fined for releasing PFAS contamination into Darwin Harbour



PHOTO: Donna Jackson is concerned a possible PFAS release may have polluted Darwin Harbour. (ABC News:

Donna Jackson points to the contaminated area . She spoke at IPAN's National Conference, Darwin 3rd August on military pollution of the environment including continuing uranium pollution of water holes in NT

Posted 14 Aug 2019,
by Jane Bardon, ABC News 14/8/19

Gas company Inpex has been fined after it was found to have released PFAS from its new \$37 billion LNG processing plant site on Darwin Harbour.

- The Federal Government found Inpex evaporated PFAS water at its plant instead of trucking it away
- Inpex was fined \$12,600 for infringing its environmental management plan
- Inpex says it paid the fine even though it believed it had complied with the plan

A Federal Environment and Energy Department investigation found the release of the PFAS in September last year put wildlife, including dolphins, and dugongs at risk.

The activity, the Department said, "is likely to have released PFAS into the air and therefore may have placed the immediate environment including Darwin Harbour, at risk of heightened PFAS levels."



Rally for Independence in West Papua

ULMWP Press release: August, 26th 2019

Second Wave' of 'West Papua Uprising' commences in struggle for independence referendum

- Tens of thousands of people take to the streets in second wave of protests;
- One person killed, several shot and dozens arrested by the Indonesian security services;
- Internet shutdown continues after a week with 1,000 new security personnel deployed.

Tens of thousands of West Papuans are taking to the streets this week in a 'second wave' of the West Papua Uprising, following mass demonstrations against Indonesian rule last week. Sparked by

the racist abuse and arrests of West Papuan students in Surabaya on August 17, rallies have taken place across West Papua on a scale not seen since the Papuan Spring of 1999-2000. Protestors are demanding a referendum as the only way forward for a peaceful conflict resolution in West Papua.

Canberra Rally supporting Whistle blowers



A rally was held in Canberra on 22 August to support Bernard Collaery (Witness K's lawyer) and David McBride the military lawyer who exposed possible war crimes in Afghanistan. They were both in court on the day.

"The parliament has passed oceans of national security legislation since the September 11, 2001 attacks. So much so, that these efforts to protect Australians are themselves becoming a threat. They are being used to conceal government fraud. Laws designed to uphold freedom, democracy and safety are morphing into instruments of oppression and unfettered control," said Sister Susan Connelly.

"A free Press is one of the critical pillars of democracy. We should be very alarmed when there is even the suggestion that journalists will be intimidated from doing their jobs," said Ms Kelly one of the organisers of the protest.

Speakers were Dr Sue Wareham, Dr John Minns, Sister Susan Connelly and Alex White (Secretary Unions ACT).

Wage Peace is calling for **support for the Whistle blowers** by:

Calling or Emailing Attorney-General Porter's office and the PM's office and demand they drop the charges against Witness K and his lawyer Bernard Collaery.

Attorney-General Christian Porter

(02) 6277 7300

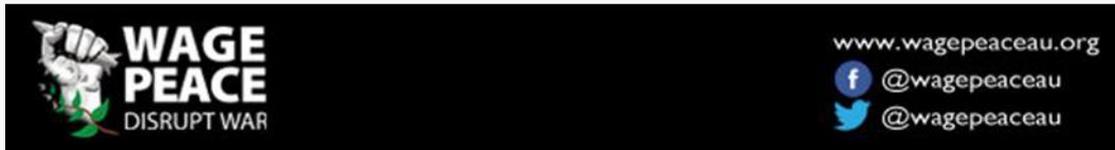
Webmail:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Contact_Senator_or_Member?MPID=208884

Prime Minister Scott Morrison

(02) 6277 7700

Webmail: <https://www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm>



Share this petition opposing war in Iran

If you have already signed this petition we ask you to share it with people who are not already involved with our work.

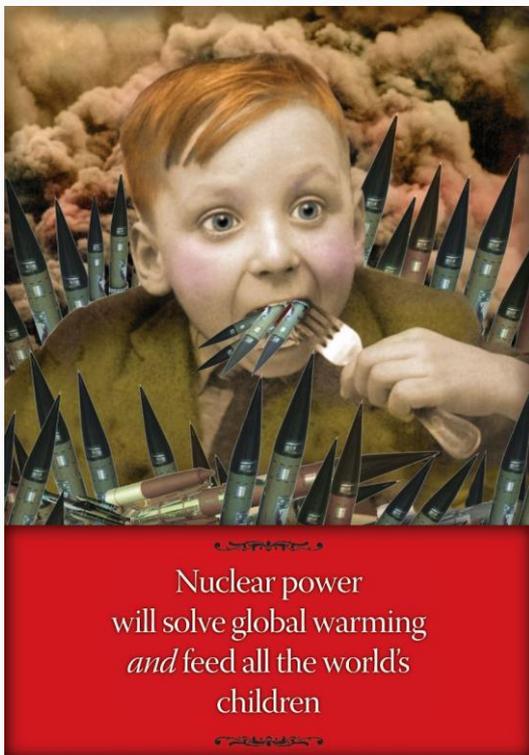
Copy and paste the petition link and share it

https://wagepeaceau-beyondwarau.nationbuilder.com/no_war

#DontIraqIran
#EndTheUSAlliance



IPAN (SA) protest outside Raytheon on 28th August

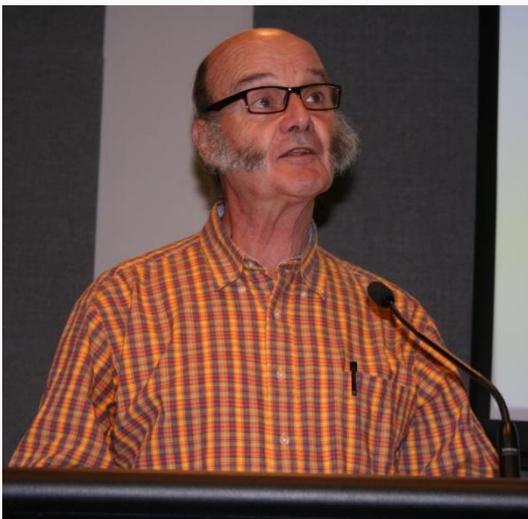


Friends of the Earth say:

**Nuclear Power – No
Solution to Climate
Change**

A new Friends of the Earth Australia statement goes into detail about the reasons why federal and state legal bans against the development of nuclear power should be maintained. The statement notes that nuclear power would inhibit the development of more effective solutions; that 'Small Modular Reactors' are non-existent and about half of the small number under construction are designed to facilitate access to fossil fuel reserves in the Arctic and elsewhere; that there are disturbing connections between nuclear power, nuclear weapons proliferation and militarism more generally; that it would be a quarter-century or more before nuclear power could even begin to contribute to reducing greenhouse emissions; and that nuclear risks are heightened in a climate-changed world (as nuclear engineer David Lochbaum puts it: "You need to solve global warming for nuclear plants to survive").

The Friends of the Earth Australia statement is online at [www.dont-nuke-the-climate.org.au](http://www.dont-<u>nuke-the-climate.org.au</u>) or www.nuclear.foe.org.au/climate



Nick Deane
**"Climate Change,
Militarism and War".-**
**speech to Peace
Committee of NSW
Teachers Federation**

Extracts from Nick Deane's speech:

I have just come back from IPAN's fifth national conference, which was held in Darwin just one week ago. The conference was a great success. It drew contributors from every State in the nation and we had visitors from New Zealand, West Papua and Guam.....

One of the clearest manifestations of Australia's willingness to follow the USA down the path to war is the presence of a garrison of 2,500 US marines who currently reside at Robertson Barracks, a short distance outside Darwin. About 60 of us activists went from the conference to the barracks last Saturday afternoon to protest at the gates.

You can find videos of that protest and, indeed, all the proceedings of the conference on IPAN's Facebook page. I have with me a petition expressing opposition to the marine's presence and a little flyer to guide people to a similar, but separate on-line petition that we hope will spread through social media.....

Putting all this together, I guess my message is that environmental and peace issues cannot be separated and must be considered together.

This may mean that tackling militarism is as great a challenge as dealing with global warming. I really don't know which should be put first, and that really doesn't matter – but I do sense that each area of activism needs to take cognisance of the other. Us peace activists need to listen to environmental activists and environmental activists need to listen to the arguments of peace activists. Ultimately, both areas are involved in the same struggle, a struggle to change our very social system – a system that has such enormous inertia, that it will, unless we can deflect its trajectory, destroy countless lives

before it destroys itself.

For complete speech [READ ON](#)



Photos from the IPAN protest at Robertson Barracks Darwin calling for end to US Marines' stationing in Darwin



IPAN's National On-line Petition

***US marines out of Darwin!
To: Prime Minister and Parliament***

We ask the Australian Parliament to terminate the 'Force Posture Agreement', between the Australian and USA governments, under which US marines are stationed in Darwin.

Why is this important?

The presence of US marines in Darwin, under control from Washington:-

- *Makes us a target;
- *Makes us less safe;
- *Makes us enemies (when we need have none - e.g. China);
- *Means we are being exploited by the USA, for its military ambitions, and
- *Jeopardises Australia's national sovereignty.

To sign, [Click here](https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/us-marines-out-of-darwin) or use the following URL:

<https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/us-marines-out-of-darwin>

Please help multiply the signatures by emailing to friends and posting it on your social media



**John Pilger
Interviewed for IPAN's
Darwin National
Conference**

[VIEW](#)

Extract from Richard Stone's
US-LED REGIONAL DIPLOMACY AND THE PACIFIC, 2019
PROJECT GREYFIN AND THE BIGGER PICTURE:

There (,likewise,) remains little ambiguity with the US-led defence and security position toward Australia as a strategic hub for regional operations; a recent statement from the Lowy Institute, a non-governmental advisory body for Canberra recently issued a statement which included reference to:

“ the government will need to think more expansively about hosting US bombers and drones here, accelerating joint base developments in Papua New Guinea and deploying land-based precision-strike missiles in northern Australia”. (5)

The revelation that following the recent US-led military exercise in July a 'specialised US rocket system was to be left in the Northern Territories after exercise Talisman Sabre' has provided evidence US-led military planners regard it as their right to deploy land-based precision-missiles in Australia without seeking government approval. (6) The fact the present Morrison Coalition government in Canberra denied the existence of the specialised US rocket system and officially ruled out the siting of similar systems in northern Australia is further evidence of a prevailing attitude in such circles to a culture of denial and political expedience.

For complete article:

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U.N. International Day of Peace
21 September

WOMEN'S WORK

Women working for a fair and peaceful world

This International Day of Peace, hear from four leading international women's organisations working for peace, justice, human rights, gender equality and women's empowerment.

*"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it.
And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."*

Eleanor Roosevelt



WHEN Friday 20th September, 6:15 for 6:30pm start

WHERE Bradley Forum, Level 5, Hawke Centre

City West Campus, University of South Australia

Forum followed by networking and refreshments

Contribution (admission) \$5.15

Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BEPAQ> or call 8285 8388



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR
PEACE & FREEDOM



BPW INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMAN



THE CLIMATE CRISIS & WAR.



The Climate Crisis will bring WAR!
AND
**War and militarism worsen the
Climate Crisis**

Stop War and Save the Earth!
(BOTH AT ONCE!)

Nothing spoils the planet quite like a WAR!
(Causing damage is what waging war is all about.)
Armed forces are among the biggest consumers of fossil fuels.
All military activity is highly polluting and damaging to all life.
War is bad for every body.

Militarism and war only add to the climate crisis.
Meanwhile, the crisis itself is almost certain to create more wars.

It's a vicious spiral...

The system, that created the crisis in the first place, is likely to make it very much worse by adding **WAR** into the mix.

In parallel with CO2 emissions, global military spending is increasing.

Whilst ordinary people prepare for the worst, world leaders are preparing for war – as if they imagine that the climate crisis can be solved with weapons...

We won't resolve the climate crisis without tackling the world wide problem of militarism at the same time.

Tomorrow (Saturday, September 21) is the United Nation's International Day of Peace.

- **Speak up for peace!**
- **Denounce war-mongering!**
- **NO WAR ON IRAN!**

**SPEAK-OUT FOR PEACE
MARTIN PLACE from 11.30, Sept 21st**

Contact Nick Deane 0420 526 929
(Independent & Peaceful Australia Network)
<https://ipan.org.au>

Similar protests in Melbourne and Newcastle on 21st September, the International Day of Peace, with these leaflets being given out on the preceding day, 20th

September at Climate Change protest rallies



United Nations
Association
of Australia
QLD Division



UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Saturday 21 Sept, 6pm - 8pm
St John's Cathedral, 373 Ann St Brisbane

LECTURE: SOPHIE MCNEILL

Protection of Human Rights in an Era of Ongoing Wars

Sophie McNeill is a reporter with the ABC's investigative program Four Corners, a former Middle East Correspondent and the recipient of three Walkley awards.

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St John's
Cathedral



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR
PEACE & FREEDOM



Griffith
UNIVERSITY

No war on Iran

IPAN (SA) protest on Steps of Parliament, Adelaide, 1pm-2pm

Sunday 22nd September

NO WAR ON IRAN!

KOREA, VIETNAM,
AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ
.....IRAN?
HOW MANY MORE IMPERIAL
WARS?

KEEP AUSTRALIA OUT OF US
WARS - NO GUNBOAT
DIPLOMACY IN THE PERSIAN
GULF!

NEGOTIATIONS, NOT
THREATS AND
PROVOCATIONS!



The Climate Crisis will bring
WAR!

War and militarism worsen
the Climate Crisis
Stop War and Save the
Earth!

THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY
DEMANDS RESOURCES AND
GOVERNMENT ACTION - SO DO
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
WELFARE
AUSTRALIA IS SPENDING \$200
BILLION OVER 10 YEARS ON
WEAPONS - MEET REAL NEEDS
NOT WAR!

AUSTRALIA IS SENDING A FRIGATE, 200 TROOPS AND A SURVEILLANCE PLANE TO JOIN US GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY IN THE PERSIAN GULF AND STRAITS OF HORMUZ. ALONG WITH ISRAEL AND BRITAIN, WARMONGERS IN THE US GOVERNMENT WANT TO PROVOKE A MILITARY INCIDENT OFF IRAN'S COAST TO HELP JUSTIFY A WAR. AND AUSTRALIA IS JOINING THIS SHRINKING BUNCH OF GLOBAL BULLIES - "ALL THE WAY WITH LBJ" CONTINUES TO APPLY. IF YOU WANT TO PROTEST THE PROSPECT OF ANOTHER BLOODY IMPERIAL WAR, SIMPLY BEAR WITNESS FOR PEACE, AND SPEND THE BILLIONS INSTEAD ON DEALING WITH THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND GROWING SOCIAL NEEDS, COME TO:



PARLIAMENT STEPS, SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1PM - 2PM

ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE WEEKEND
JOIN MILLIONS OF OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD

Organized by the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (South Australia)
email: stoifan@adam.com.au ph: 73298542



RAPID Public Response Arrangements to any imminent major military conflict, invasion or war

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.

COMING EVENTS SUMMARY

Sydney: Protest outside EOS offices, 75 Elizabeth St , Every second Thursday of the month. Next is Thursday 12th September. Organised by the Anti-bases Coalition

Adelaide: Friday, 20th September, 6.15pm. Bradley Forum, Level 5, Hawke Centre, City West Campus, University of South Australia .
Contact: 8285 8388-**International Day of Peace; Women's Work - Women working for a fair and peaceful world.**

Melbourne: Friday, 20th September: IPAN-Victoria members and supporters will be joining the Climate Change rally on Friday 20 September at 2pm. We invite friends to join us at Treasury Gardens

and Parliament steps (Corner Spring and Collins street). An IPAN banner will be prominently displayed.

Melbourne: Saturday, 21st September, IPAN-Victoria is calling on affiliates, friends, peace, anti-war and climate change activists, unions and workers to join the International Day of Peace Rally in Melbourne on Saturday 21st September.

"No War on Iran - No Australian support for US wars."

The rally will be held on the corner of Swanston and Flinders Sts, Federation Square at 1pm. Bring your placards and signs calling for an end to wars of aggression, for global peace and protection of the environment.

Melbourne: Saturday, 21st September:**Film for International Day of Peace**, 2pm, Kildara Centre, rear, 41 Stanhope St, Malvern.

Discover the story of the Catholic and Protestant women who came together during Northern Ireland's bloody conflict to form an all-female political party to fight to ensure that human rights, equality & inclusiveness shaped the historic Good Friday Agreement Peace Deal.

Sydney: 21st September, Martin Place, from 11.30am, **The Climate Crisis will bring war**- International Day of Peace- Speak up for Peace, Denounce war-mongering, NO WAR ON IRAN organised by IPAN (NSW)

Newcastle: 21st September, 11am, International Day of Peace- **No War on Iran** - on Green strip on King Street between Steele St and

National Park outside Market Town

organised by IPAN (NSW) & Hunter Peace Group. Bring placards and banners. Join Climate Change rally in Civic Park on Friday, 20th Sept. 1pm and give out "Climate Change will lead to War" leaflets.

Brisbane: Sat., 21st September, International Day of Peace, Sophie McNeill "Protection of Human Rights in an era of Ongoing Wars"; St John's Cathedral, 373 Ann St ,Brisbane 6pm-8p organised by Just Peace (Qld) and UNAA(Qld Div.)

Adelaide: Sunday 22nd September, No war on Iran Protest on steps of Parliament House between 1-2pm organised by IPAN (SA). Details:73298542 or email: stoifan@adam.com.au

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