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It's Strategic Myopia - Podcast by Pascal Lottaz with John Menadue   **Human Rights**  Assange Campaign- Action to gain pardon for Julian  **Informative Articles**  Hurry up and wait -  Alison Broinowski  ICAN - Buy a Hiroyasu Tsuri Print  **Coming Events**  Common Security Conference - April 10,11- organised by the International Peace Bureau  Are peace and security on life support - Webinar- organised by the Australian Peace and Security Forum  Palm Sunday Rally for Peace- April 13- Reddacliff Place, Brisbane | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Activities** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Editorial - 100th Edition of IPAN's Voice** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people protesting  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | IPAN protest at Pine Gap -2016 | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **This April 2025 Voice is the 100th edition of IPAN’s Voice.**  The first edition was published following the IPAN National Conference in October, 2016 in Alice Springs. That edition reported the Conference Statement by the National Coordinating Committee of IPAN which included the following: “The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN), representing more than 30 peace, anti-war, community organisations and unions from around Australia, held its third National Conference in Alice Springs (1-2 October), marking the 50th anniversary of the establishment of one of the world’s most important US military spy bases, Pine Gap near Alice Springs.  The well attended IPAN conference titled – Serving US militarism for 50 years – Time for Independence, called for the following:   * an independent Australian foreign policy , * no more involvement in US foreign wars, * opposition to US bases on Australian soil, * the sending home of the US marines currently stationed in Darwin. The recent upgrading and expansion of US military bases and stationing of thousands of US marines in Australia and in the Asia-Pacific are all indications of preparations for wars of aggression.   We call on the Australian government to re-assess Australia’s military alliance with the USA.  We are concerned at the real possibility that territorial disputes in the South China Sea could develop into war between the USA and China.  We believe the presence of US bases and US marines in Australia threatens our country’s security, and risks Australia being embroiled in more US wars.  The removal of US bases and US marines from Australia, and implementing an independent foreign policy that respects the sovereignty of countries, is one of the ways that can guarantee our security and independence.  This will be the Australian people’s contribution to making the world a more peaceful and secure place for people and the environment.”   READ COMPLETE STATEMENT [**HERE**](https://ipan.org.au/voice/)   *"The actions of the United States in recent weeks has changed the international and domestic political environment. The ground has become much more fertile for the germination of the ideas asserted at that 3rd National IPAN Conference in Alice Springs; ideas and a vision which IPAN maintains today and is pursuing with great vigour."*  Bevan Ramsden | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Campaigns in 2025** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Campaign to terminate AUKUS and the Force Posture Agreement**  The first step in this campaign is to produce an Open Letter/Public Statement calling for cancellation of the AUKUS agreement and termination of the Force Posture Agreement.  This will be a vehicle for initiating discussions and seeking commitment by ***signature***, from a broad group of community organisations and individuals across Australia. It will include a range of supporting and educational and agitational activities including public meetings and rallies, leaflet distributions, small discussion groups,  social media activity and webinars as determined by those currently involved in Anti-AUKUS and terminate the FPA, actions.  Both Agreements have a one year's notice of termination clause which can be invoked if a government can be persuaded to do so. And only a broad movement of the Australian people will generate the political will to do that.  IPAN will provide support as appropriate on request to support state and territory groups in these activities.  To join the campaign, contact  Bevan Ramsden at bevanram1960@gmail.com  **Campaign to Make Peace a Priority**  **Our Vision:** To elevate peace as a national priority so that it informs policy development in Australia, to achieve peace domestically and internationally.  Whilst a peace initiative can coexist with defence initiatives, without peace, addressing issues such as climate change, migration, inequality, or hunger becomes much harder, if not impossible.  This campaign seeks to influence the political environment in Australia so that peace becomes a priority focus and a lens which informs policy decisions.  One objective currently being discussed to work towards, is the establishment of an Assistant Minister for the Foreign Minister to promote Australia’s efforts towards peace and conflict prevention provide focus to engage with existing international frameworks, and expand diplomatic efforts to pursue peace.  One of our first steps is to invite other organisations and groups to partner IPAN on this campaign – and we are very keen to seek input from others into the shape of the campaign, which is still a work in progress.  We are currently in the process of contacting IPAN affiliate organisations and other key organisations to discuss joining us as an Active Partner in the campaign for peace in Australia and across our region  If you are interested in being involved in this campaign, please contact Jonathan Pilbrow via [ipan.alicesprings@gmail.com](mailto:ipan.alicesprings@gmail.com) or 0403 611 815 or David Higginbottom via [d.higginbottom@outlook.com](mailto:d.higginbottom@outlook.com) or 0429 471949  Thirdly, an **Election strategy**at Federal Election to focus on matters of peace, independence, sovereignty and AUKUS.  IPAN is currently seeking information on policy platforms of parties and independent candidates on matters relating to peace and independence via a pre-election questionnaire. Response will then be used to inform voters, through an election scorecard, of the position that parties and independent candidates will adopt if elected.  **Call out for Volunteers for Election Campaign: IPAN is seeking volunteers to hand out Election Report Cards at Pre-Election Forums in their electorate or to assist in handing out Election Report Cards at polling booths over the voting period.**    **If you are able to assist,**p**lease contact Jonathan Pilbrow via** [ipan.alicesprings@gmail.com](mailto:ipan.alicesprings@gmail.com) or 0403 611 815 | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Media Release: 2nd April,2025  **National Press Club Event hears call for a serious rethink of the US alliance**   * **Former PM Turnbull makes urgent call to address weakened defence of Australia** * **Mr Turnball alleges international rules-based order is dead under US President Trump** * **AUKUS and Force Posture Agreements must go under the microscope** * **Only one quarter of Australians are categorically opposed to a review of AUKUS**   The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) attended the National Press Club on 1 April, where former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull expressed security and sovereignty concerns, also shared by IPAN Mr Turnball made a call for urgent action to address a weakened defence of Australia, urging a halt of AUKUS and a plan B for acquiring submarines. He also asserted that the international rules-based order is dead under US President Donald Trump.  [**READ ON**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/b143fdef-1b7f-8a03-b04a-1d5fd5633c20/Continuation_of_Media_Release_of_2nd_April.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of large tanks  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Media Release 12th March, 2025  **NT must resist war preparation by US – rather than giving green light for leaking US Fuel Tanks**   * **US-based company Crowley should face penalty (not special treatment) for breach of NT Building Act** * **Risks for Territory residents and environment from project with gas leak exposed** * **US aircraft fuel tanks are positioned in the top end for US Air Force preparedness for war** * **Crowley was the manager of the US tanker carrying jet fuel in accident in the North Sea two days ago**   The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) is dismayed by the announcement from the NT Chief Minister Lia Finnochiaro that no penalties will be handed to US-based company Crowley, after a leak revealed they had built a bulk fuel storage facility on Darwin Harbour without first securing a building permit.  ‘Such behaviour should be subject to the same penalties that would apply to any other business in breach of the NT Northern Territory Building Act 1993’, stated Mr Justin Tutty, spokesperson for IPAN.  ‘Why should a project built to support US military activities in the Asia-Pacific get special treatment when it has breached NT law?’, asked Mr Tutty. [**READ ON**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/9a11dbfa-dc7e-8067-4f6b-02b9501a6ae6/Continuation_of_Media_Release_of_12th_March_2025.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Actions in support of the people of Gaza**  Dear IPAN supporters  **Israel's renewed assault on Gaza and its people.**  **it is so important for us urge the Australian Government to take a stand**  Please take the time to send an email to your local Labor MP and/or Senator (not everyone will have a Labor MP). We suggest you read this email in full, before you click on the link.  <https://lettertofederalmember.good.do/pleasetelluspresidenttrumpthataustraliadoesnotsupporthisproposedplansforgaza/stand_up_to_trump_on-gaza_2025/>  In addition, you can support Amnesty International’s Email your MP campaign – click here  <https://www.amnesty.org.au/act-now/end-israels-genocide-in-gaza-take-action-now/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJG9lFleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHbl_zss-MwzJzu3DiScGffvvfqtgR8gF8vruTPhkIJq8jO6U_SGBVA1eYA_aem_dCppyYXQ4jUh5Noe2rnolQ>  [**READ ON**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/a87aa00c-2efa-1384-4001-1c637534fe44/Continuation_of_letter_in_support_of_people_of_gaza.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN releases its Alternative Defence Strategy for an Independent Australia free of the US alliance** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | \* Diplomacy is the first line of defence seeking resolution of   differences based on equality and mutual respect and building   peace, trust and security in our region \* Our troops stay at home for Australian territorial defence- no   deployment in overseas wars \* No military alliances with other countries- closer relations with non-   aligned countries- an end to the US military alliance \* Defence based on non-nuclear, armed neutrality \* No MIC- only a publicly- owned Australian defence industry to   serve an independent self -reliant defence force  READ COMPLETE POLICY[**HERE**](https://ipan.org.au/alternative-defence-policy-for-australia/) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A sign with white text  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Podcast:**  **Australia can’t rely on the U.S for defence.**  Listen [**HERE**](https://ipan.org.au/alternative-self-defence-for-australia-ipan-podcast-april-2025/) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Submission: Impact of Submarine Construction -Osborne, SA**  IPAN has been vocal in its opposition to Australia's acquisition of nuclear-powered submarines. We regularly contribute submissions to national inquiries and consultations related to peace, defence and foreign policy matters. This includes raising concerns regarding nuclear energy, nuclear waste and nuclear weapons.  [**READ HERE**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/f84cc8f3-29f1-7f22-06af-c8ec52907162/IPAN_Submission_re_Osborne_13.3.25.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Support IPAN's Social Media Platforms**  We would like to take the opportunity to alert our members to all of the social media platforms that IPAN is utilising to get the message of peace and independence into the public realm  As well as our website and facebook page, we have been increasingly active on Twitter and now starting to become much more active on Instagram.  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](http://x.com/IPAusNet) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Call on Supporters - Donating to improve outreach and effectiveness of IPAN**  Donate[**HERE**](https://ipan.org.au/donate/) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Palestine-Gaza** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australian Jewish Women for Peace Action Ready**  The great news is that our advertisement is live in the SMH and The Age and it looks fantastic (see attached photo of ad and pdf file)! | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A newspaper with text on it  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Please share the attached picture of the ad. on your social media network(s)** - whichever one(s) you're on - using #OzJewsSayNO and/or #NO2EthnicCleansing and/or #NO2Trumps GazaPlan.  You could use a short statement of support . | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people holding up posters with red hand prints  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement  to Sydney Criminal Lawyers, 1st April, 2025  **Sydney Pro-Palestinians Call Out Pitiful Major Party Form on Ongoing Gaza Genocide**  by Paul Gregoire  As they have so many times over the last 18 months, pro-Palestinians from across Greater Sydney gathered on Gadigal land in the city’s Hyde Park to call for an end to the Israeli-perpetrated [genocide](https://www.sydneycriminallawyers.com.au/criminal/legislation/criminal-code-act/genocide-by-killing/) against the Palestinians of Gaza, and as an election looms, those addressing the sizable crowd expressed a general displeasure with the response to the killing from the Australian major parties.  The atmosphere at the 29 March [Palestine Action Group](https://www.facebook.com/syd.bmbc) rally in Sydney city was different to those prior to the now-failed 19 January-commenced ceasefire in the Strip, as Israel [recommenced its blockade on goods](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/3/2/israel-reneges-on-ceasefire-deal-warns-hamas-of-consequences), including food and water, entering into Gaza, on 2 March, and then resumed its [high-tech military assaults on the civilian population](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/3/18/israel-launches-gaza-assault-killing-hundreds-and-shattering-ceasefire) on 18 March.  [**READ ON**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/85d5bfe8-9586-2884-458f-3595a38f2ae2/Continuation_of_Paul_Gregoire_039_article.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Pearls and Irritations, April 3, 2025   **Peter Slezak's speech to the UTS rally on 26 March (Opposing direct attack on academic speech and freedoms)**  *Remarks made by University of Technology Sydney academic Peter Slezak at a rally at UTS on 26 March, have attracted considerable negative coverage in the Murdoch media. [*[*The Australian*](https://www.theaustralian.com.au/education/jews-should-feel-uncomfortable-uts-launches-investigation-into-comments-by-academic-peter-slezak/news-story/000e307537f9581d2cd01953f8eee378)*and*[*The Daily Telegraph*](https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/new-south-wales-education/tertiary/two-sydney-universities-investigate-academic-for-protest-remarks/news-story/204fc9eed1d53e85d6a1776704b41d4b)*]*  *Pearls And Irritations is carrying the full text of the speech so that readers can make up their own minds.*  For over a year now the horrors of the genocide in Gaza mean that we — especially Jews — are facing one of the great moral tests of our time. We have seen the images. Gaza looks like Hiroshima after the atom bomb in 1945. Who in their right mind can believe Israeli propaganda that this is self-defence, or that it’s targeting HAMAS militants?  **READ ON** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **AUKUS & Nuclear issues & War** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Cartoon of cartoon characters in different poses  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A submarine in the water  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This Anti-AUKUS Campaigning leaflet from Stop AUKUS Vic is available for reprint[**HERE**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/98db8f87-6d2e-35d5-50f6-48360142b7c8/Cancel_AUKUS_spend_368_billion_on_people_039_s_needs_flyer_Final.pdf) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Guardian Essential poll: almost half of Australian voters want Aukus reviewed after Donald Trump’s election win**  Almost half of voters (48%) want the Australian government to review Aukus and the acquisition of nuclear submarines after the election of [Donald Trump](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/donaldtrump) in the US.  Those are the results of the latest Guardian [Essential poll](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/essential-poll) of 1,206 voters, which found Australian voters were concerned about the incoming Trump administration’s effect on the economy, peace and climate change. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people sitting at a table  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Port Adelaide Residents Meeting on AUKUS and Nuclear Submarines**  The Greens and Senator Sarah Hanson-Young held a public meeting on the 13th of March in Port Adelaide to inform and give residents an opportunity to express their concerns about the building of the AUKUS nuclear-powered submarines and the accompanying nuclear waste at the Osborne Naval Shipyard. We reproduce the speech by Eileen Darley, one of the speakers at the community forum.  [**READ HERE**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/4ff86c1f-65a4-1eb0-2683-2c9b74ec5135/Greens_Forum_SA_Eileen_Darley_039_s_speech.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **We can’t unscramble the AUKUS and ANZUS eggs By Jack Waterford**  [**READ HERE**](https://click.e.change.org/f/a/kpaW69FdldYipSc98fmnCw~~/AANj1RA~/WKyUA0J6GPPmWCfehXIg75RImM8Mzhg_kTf9OtTUODCnpeFJGzyuf1mkqLLQsbftb4IJr1DFApfI7Mllom-wXW7vs-CCCy8RUGPWVBH1lfZfKBI8KcUOYhFweyXh5iE1KMmdc45Qwat-WK0yWKD7FbTGebUpp3wu-oh78-UlfEU~)  IPAN shares the growing concerns of many Australians that the US alliance, manifested by the 5 Eyes treaty ANZUS, AUKUS and the Force Posture Agreement, threatens our security. Read more on the IPAN website [www.ipan.org.au](https://click.e.change.org/f/a/tMVcugZTbv0O_ujhARMl_g~~/AANj1RA~/XJHjCX9MLPksZnQABSzWB61Yfw0jm3NI61VNryUjYK5Ndt-rHCUnWUtJsIUYMxr0GJeATo19F5oMa9RUD6xEJ-bSfq37pAoHC8Ci-2DdNb0~)  *Old allies are now judging the US for its reliability and trustworthiness. And not only as a military...*  [**READ ON**](https://click.e.change.org/f/a/UZ5VFDFUMwDHF1IlAnJyvw~~/AANj1RA~/WDe7F67xYoBVbonuBaDiEpwVBLi7zCV7ah7eDzTV4dLvNQrs2e5eohRq054Y4eLSgCwFpPTtBg1FU01jAVLz2a7AoZ-CzJUm0S4ZcVgJZpWhjhqyYhVcQOI4LkF2K3vmE3uCtUZa1F83ztOqcmTUHU4_rT5J4vJhDrHwFkT0EP8muzG208l5eWQmvuXNyL15QzOKUYs9RV5bgtT8GNH8hOjr3tGm_N3UaiZ0E7pdk55DOJ1MSA4HirHfRWxT6e4qQJfYJGlgVyRE7Cb7jJX4z4CZK1fd8I1QhctPrGrXH9U5hL8FfXuj5EfAyIuP9pIAEorHTFDPpZbEs4jFoq_hxXV0dQ6_sqfxLEHUwHvgpepWMRpRQYIMtn7-0sXQp1ENppp0o5_oTTKmzMA0CwMnE8S0PFbKRQnJV0uFo4x1iXYp16lYUZNF2XBPxHOcSuotiMW9dmsUDB06du-V-nxEsrkyJ9EF_zZCcmic0napQ1H44bIHTqh5EtUZClktWvls3ceh0T9CsS563ffOPp32N-1KT22FRbdKmHg1yACmYXZAjiC-BMaRIDTATr1toDL2DI94HpXFERvLp9GXwGkx4A~~) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A blue background with white text  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Zero Transparency – New Report investigates the AUKUS Pact**  On 20 March AWPR published a new report on the controversial AUKUS military pact. The report investigates how AUKUS came about and how the public and the parliament have been shut out of the decision making process surrounding the multi-billion dollar plan. The full report is available [**HERE**](http://https/warpowersreform.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/AUKUS-Report_March-2025.pdf)  “The AUKUS submarine plan is not only ruinously expensive for Australia’s real defence needs, locking us into long term conflict with China, but is unmatched in Australian defence and foreign policy history for its undermining of Australian sovereignty.” – Professor Richard Tanter of the Nautilus Institute  [READ OTHER EXPERTS COMMENTS**HERE**](https://warpowersreform.org.au/experts-endorse-awpr-aukus-rep) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ANMJ-February 19, 2025  **The potential health impacts of AUKUS on health workers**   By: Amanda Ruler | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A sign with text on it  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Healthcare workers must be among the first responders in a radiation incident. They must be well-versed in radiation protection and aware of guidelines for conducting this work.  This article aims to summarise the potential health impacts of AUKUS on health workers, focusing principally on those that arise from response to a radiation incident or accident on a naval nuclear reactor.  [**READ ON**](https://anmj.org.au/the-potential-health-impacts-of-aukus-on-health-workers/#comment-6762) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Yellow sign on a building  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Michael West Media ,March 11, 2025  **Radioactive secrets. Fight to hide AUKUS nuclear waste sites gets absurd**  by [Rex Patrick](https://michaelwest.com.au/author/rex-patrick/) |  Somewhere deep inside a locked government filing cabinet within Australia’s labyrinthine Defence bureaucracy, there’s a document intended to advise the Government on what locations in Australia might be suitable to store high-level nuclear waste and how to select one of those locations. It’s a roadmap to where the most toxic material on our planet may be dumped for tens of thousands of years. The report itself is just paper, but it’s red hot. It’s politically radioactive.  [**READ ON**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/49304426-835f-0aec-5eb0-f0a1555e40c4/Continuation_of_Rex_Patrick_039_s_article_.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people holding signs  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN WA CLOSE THE BASES ACTION 23/02/2025**   IPAN WA members gathered at the gates of HMAS Stirling to join in the worldwide movement to Close the Bases. The international day was coordinated by World Beyond War with 61 actions taking place over 27 countries. In Western Australia IPAN organised the local action with around 20 people converging from groups including Stop AUKUS, The Communist Party of Australia, Socialist Alliance and Quakers. We gathered at HMAS Stirling in Rockingham as that is where the navy base is located and the AUKUS nuclear submarine project is expected to take place.   [**READ ON**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/01100ce6-dcdb-1e32-a40f-d60aeb47e875/Continuation_of_WA_report.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Defence, Sovereignty and Independence** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Pearls and Irritations, April 3, 2025  **James Curran's closing remarks to the Sovereignty and Security Conference on 31 March**  *The sense of urgency and rapid change that has pervaded the discussion today [31 March] has not obscured the fact that, as we know, this issue of the abrupt change in the relationship with the United States has been coming since at least Trump’s first term. And really from the disaster of Iraq and the 2008 global financial crisis.*  Yet, for many in Australia, the tendency is to deny it and hold fast to the ANZUS security blanket. That, in public at least, is the attitude of both major parties and that is why today’s discussion has been so valuable.  [**READ ON**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/3affce57-6fd9-42e6-b396-69261f4ad8fe/Continuation_of_James_Curran_039_s_address_on_31st_March_2025.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Australia Institute’s survey  **Aussies' foreign policy preference revealed**  **More Australians prefer an independent foreign policy over a closer alliance with the United States,** according to new research by the Australia Institute into Australians' views on our foreign policy. The independent think-tank's report shows 44 per cent of participants backed an independent foreign policy, compared to just 35 per cent for a tighter US relationship.   * **Guest:**Dr Emma Shortis, Director of International and Security Affairs, the Australia Institute * **Producer:** Briana Charles   Listen to Emma Shortis explaining on Radio National <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/radionational-breakfast/australia-institute-report-foreign-policy-us-alliance/105016132> | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The Greens announce an Alternative Defence Policy- to decouple Australia from US military**  The Greens will reallocate $4 billion from over $77 billion in savings from cancelling AUKUS and a number of US weapons purchases towards domestic production capabilities of defence material strictly for defensive purposes. This is a strategy to end AUKUS, remove our reliance on US, UK and Israeli weapons supplies and disengage us from the dangerous Trump-led US military.   Importantly $73 billion of the savings from this announcement, and the hundreds of billions more of future savings from cancelling AUKUS, can be reinvested in social and environmental programs to address climate change and inequality.  Full details [**HERE**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/f35a63ce-715f-ee7d-d338-093ebe8255d6/Greens_Alternative_Defence_Policy.docx)  **Senator David Shoebridge, Greens Spokesperson for Defence, said:** “For decades, the major parties have based Australia’s defence policy on dependence and integration with the US military. This was a mistake.  “Our defence policy shouldn’t be based on Donald Trump coming to our rescue.  “Australia cannot continue to waste money on multi-billion dollar US weapons platforms, designed not to defend Australia but supplement Donald Trump’s military.   “There are two obvious lessons from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Low-cost defence equipment, such as drones that can be produced locally and at scale, are effective at territorial defence, and you cannot trust the US, especially under Trump.  “To seriously decouple the ADF from the US and to proudly take an independent foreign policy, we need to develop sufficient sovereign capabilities. Unlike AUKUS though, these capabilities should be to defend Australia, not threaten our neighbours.  “Australia’s most significant strategic asset is our relative geographical isolation. The major parties have made that into a liability by signing us up to US force projection, making distance an obstacle to overcome not an asset to work with.   READ Greens Alternative Defence Policy [**HERE**](https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/files/21b7bd65-69a4-a617-7c59-3f0aa6cd041c/Greens_Alternative_Defence_Policy.01.docx) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Two men in a room  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The Real Threat Isn’t China. It’s Strategic Myopia**  John Menadue, a former ambassador, business man, and publisher, is sounding the alarm—not about China, but about Australia’s dangerous entrenchment in outdated alliances and inherited fears. In a conversation on [Neutrality Studies](https://substack.com/redirect/b426a55a-52c2-431c-be53-c8886f078679?j=eyJ1IjoiMjFheDJvIn0.0e4ZgIO-Wcy3KiUhSa7F0zxlWAwGhdK592YxP2D-p1k), Menadue paints a portrait of a nation that has failed to psychologically liberate itself from its settler-colonial past and now clings to the United States not out of strategy, but fear.  [**VIEW HERE**](https://substack.com/redirect/7c8cd66b-6613-4f5b-882f-adb7b8dfcd47?j=eyJ1IjoiMjFheDJvIn0.0e4ZgIO-Wcy3KiUhSa7F0zxlWAwGhdK592YxP2D-p1k) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Human Rights** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black and white sign  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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**](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/u001.XaF8mXqsA6b2dSPmhsleMVacTDHIypVpvH2jR3cSf7nC0TECHvRHRRFhZYTdnbHGr5elGZlpJBB8FIR_-Uyidg51DgF6s9AohOLwDiVCoJiumnFYBPv93FpmVYR-ulFJQ-VeIoIZm6xgd-Xvm37vSWFE0eExrgYuPwDmOcppeWC7rwdGHn43Lg_wCwVqTPODEVAONQPPufbn8MS_D3xuznsamyfSGgzj3gqy_x7WYZquAinRF9q2SmLMeyDWgHf8y8IIxwh-xqKyG0mxDQgm-7h3Ax1o5H4NhDYZ4H87i3wEMVzRAbvKRKfNwKB6_BXGCPxyXGmdnN162qPJGbWOfHXfR-SJKgEwQL7HZRU__UuF9edzRQBzAMRYKHigppWZ/4fd/JtxFtDP-RMiFpH9mBn1aIA/h1/h001.FbICXWqukFWFkZdCnK6sM8-kCrmJ0AM68eLM21EdJnQ)   |  | | --- | | **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**](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/u001.XaF8mXqsA6b2dSPmhsleMVacTDHIypVpvH2jR3cSf7nC0TECHvRHRRFhZYTdnbHGUjGyvP5ibm2qkPNoBT0T8LeVksM9yPIJgMEKlFSvG8Kw55QI6hbxM_QhwpiiwkXHu5aiVk4_2mo8X3KUBQkRwMujjogbnNgMLhiTMmjSK44k9Jl1qskAcFFP9Gluz9_Q768jIFn37laM11BWT_Hx6ykryR3ibYUQ7iJdiyGrzkQ100UNAJnUzvKYAuTXp5Oj1YPrxDFVWKBoPW50keAipwpIH6Y5Utm1wGHwKgzrESp5TYT94Jx0f_Jz0umgono4YmHJtyp_lAOjzfmJ9BIFtFxEcS_4g03hj_I2i9dDyhlLbLS8iiHiOECdPahMvyzN/4fd/JtxFtDP-RMiFpH9mBn1aIA/h2/h001.B7JIaJhf2-UIq04Hibs_IpGH8uJctZqumtKshSyVKY4) | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Informative Articles** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Pearls and Irritations, March 27, 2025  **Hurry up and wait**   By Alison Broinowski   One principle of American military affairs has been said since the 1940s to be “hurry up and wait”. That certainly applies to AUKUS, an agreement so urgent that in September 2021 Prime Minister Scott Morrison gave Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese only 24 hours to agree to it.   Yet we will wait for decades for the centrepiece of AUKUS, US nuclear-powered submarines, ever to arrive in Australia. They are unlikely to contribute anything to the defence of Australia and will add at least $368 billion to our national debt over 30 years. Their aggressive purpose will provoke China and could set off an arms race in our region.   [**READ ON**](https://johnmenadue.com/hurry-up-and-wait/) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A black and red logo  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | We've finally been able to post out a couple of hundred A2 prints of the Hiroyasu Tsuri / TWOONE artwork we commissioned for this 80th year since the nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to everyone who pre-purchased it.    To learn about the meaning behind the work, please watch this gorgeous 3-minute video by the artist [**HERE**](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/u001.XaF8mXqsA6b2dSPmhsleMVZiCw9e1CjoAxuXDVyOgvDem6c10GVsJYqxoTe9VD95LSUz1IIde1HlcsO0g9zpB3m9U7pIWPXngETxWzf6hUgQ7qQBfXsYntsl_1ILG-VcfCX1QmKn87ZXRc1AV2qcE6b9zCkDxKEgNoY-yFWIgy2juhj_bF2TUbLQfEhUGBn8d0AcU-m6plbqhg7LBLOyGrQ5AN1x-MipJVOaky_iLxIImjUPJIcrcC5YUx5mqK1l6gPxbfyhoLadqL2L1h7tKXYV9uyANY1GWpLKrudU2kcih59EvnNHeeY8bDSk9CcD/4f4/FlD7I1PBTeWgfaTzmhidZg/h1/h001.N5Eoc73U47Sw2XyajjsoqeXVbng6H7A5vKSu1dZDVfE)   |  | | --- | | Our high quality prints are on A2 250gsm EcoStar Silk 100% recycled paper, with non-toxic inks, and printed on a solar-powered printing press!  Order a print by clicking the button below. |  |  | | --- | | [**BUY A HIROYASU TSURI PRINT**](https://click.actionnetwork.org/ss/c/u001.qUXRBnqZ7T8nxbpAcIVwoUsWLkUMWlo_0JmZttSlm39NpOgaMHYnDJQ0yBSfh-ByJfaEePiyLV7qsG541-Zgo97YcUMmBhn9OiV4BigfteBTzsGUYUM36orQ3A2Be4haLNIgVRqmkJtmn1opUtM7qf5sbl4NP8XZgt8uPi-dfTUNcBVcjS2RR-SkPeNsz0fhQQ3-AVkL5wMIBg4lTy2JD0Q0wpVeyP9_aKPPcq1bnBAnMc6s-yXPRrRHnyAiZBK1t8s5qMfvj0NinGqv3Rp9W1t9mNe5BU09AElIoGx5NYjd0oJqo3KrTu6o8CYSQufdrDovihzfKOiPiqDyXiTJN2_rVyDDcLucESDZSBf6JPeywUpohx1e_Skp9nU6paAk/4f4/FlD7I1PBTeWgfaTzmhidZg/h3/h001.UZgZgiHazoenkW1Yzt1d--rg5g_rUbKiu7adWziRNNg) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Coming Events** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **We invite you to this COMMON SECURITY CONFERENCE  April 10 and 11. Information and program below and Register at:**<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7DlXTUSjxvWMZwtk5bNF4QFiqT0Lt-g1eewT2vae3Z4izrw/viewform?pli=1>  **Common Security Conference 2025: Redefining Security for the 21st Century**  [Register Now!](https://forms.gle/robWuCgE5FWoJQTS7)  The online ***Common Security Conference 2025: Redefining Security for the 21st Century*** brings together politicians, international officials, trade union leaders, non-governmental organizations, peace activists, and more for critical discussions on concrete steps and strategies for global, regional, national, and local level movements for a more just and peaceful future for us all.   **Organised by the International Peace Bureau** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Are Peace and Security on Life Support?**- Webinar 15th April, 6pm  organised by the Australian Peace and Security Forum [**REGISTER HERE**](https://austpeaceandsecurityforum.org.au/are-peace-and-democracy-on-life-support/) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A green and white sign  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | | |
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