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We can't do it with nuclear submarines- Dr Albert Palazzo  In defence of diplomacy: A path to Australian independence - Alison Broinowski  Australian values key to rethinking defence strategy - Dr Bronwyn Kelly  ABC Poll shows Australians' radical shift over Trump, economy  **Human Rights**  Indigenous deaths in custody must stop  Petition: Stop racial profiling of Chinese - Australian political volunteers  Assange Campaign- to pardon Julian  **Coming Events**  Nakba to Now: What's next? - ACT: Johnson Auditorium **June 10**, 7pm, AEST  Launch of Pacific Peace Network's Campaign: ***Declare Neutrality and help prevent US-China War-*** 21st June, 11am AEST  Launch of IPAN's Campaign to ***Cancel AUKUS and the Force Posture Agreement:*** Sunday 6th July, 2pm AEST  Peak Hour for Peace: Wadawurrung (Geelong) Every Friday 4-5pm Details: @ipangeelongvicsouthwest | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Activities** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Campaigns in 2025** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Campaign to terminate AUKUS and the Force Posture Agreement- launch on Sunday 6th July**   The first step in this campaign is the distribution for discussion and signature of **The Call on our Government** which reads as follows:  **Cancel AUKUS! Re-think defence. Assert independence!**  **Public Call to the Australian government**  **We the undersigned, call on our government to cancel the AUKUS and Force Posture Agreements 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**   [**SIGN HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ebd3c7d321&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  This Public Statement 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.  **Campaign Launch: Sunday 6th July, 2pm AEST** [**REGISTER HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7763837115&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **To join the campaigning group**, contact  Bevan Ramsden at bevanram1960@gmail.com  **Campaign to Make Peace a Priority  - Encouraging developments**  **Our Visio**n: READ [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c158c31974&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  One objective currently being discussed to work towards, is the establishment of an Ambassador for Conflict Prevention. In a very  encouraging development, IPAN has been invited by Foreign Affairs Minister Wong to meet with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) to engage with IPAN on the work DFAT is doing regarding conflict prevention and peacebuilding efforts across the government; and to engage DFAT about the proposal for an Ambassador for Conflict Prevention, as we believe that such a role could help in providing an even clearer focus within the Government for conflict prevention and strengthen Australia’s presence and contribution to peacebuilding internationally.  On 10 June, representatives from IPAN and other organisations involved in the MPAP campaign will be meeting with a DFAT representative – with another uprate to be provided in the July VOICE.  The campaign has also called for 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.  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 | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **GAZA - CALL FOR IPAN SUPPORTERS TO ACTION**  **Please see Media Release**[**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e0767172e3&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **Please call Minister Penny Wong, Minister for Foreign Affairs, on (02) 6277 7500 or email her at: senator.wong@aph.gov.au**  Please call Minister Wong to urge the Australian Government to take immediate action over the situation in Gaza:   * Cut diplomatic ties and stop all trade with Israel * Support South Africa’s case in the International Court of Justice and name Israel’s actions for what they are - war crimes and genocide * Stop Electro Optic Systems (EOS) and other weapons companies exporting to Israel directly or via secondary countries * Support the call for official diplomatic missions to accompany aid trucks into Gaza.   **We must act now – especially for the children dying of starvation. – before it is far too late** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person holding a phone with a crying child on his back  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Media Release: 3rd June**:   **Peace Group Urges Australia to Chart a Course for Conflict Prevention, Not War**   * **IPAN supports PM Albanese’s firm rejection of US demands to increase military spending by billions** * **Australia must not be drawn into a conflict with China over Taiwan** * **AUKUS Pillars 1 and 2 should be cancelled**   [**READ HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=05e54aeb51&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Video of IPAN's Alternative Defence Webinar,** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person and person smiling  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Let's talk alternative defence for Australia- Free from the U.S. alliance.  View**[HERE](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=74cf8ea101&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **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/](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=056ad91bb9&e=8ef5b7f4e3) - 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/](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=6b1a177276&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **Facebook**  [https://www.facebook.com/IndependentAndPeacefulAustraliaNetwork/](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=3f5b95517f&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **Instagram**  [https://www.instagram.com/ipanaustralia/](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ab54f7b635&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **Twitter**  [x.com/IPAusNet](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=916701bc51&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Call on Supporters - Donating to improve outreach and effectiveness of IPAN**  Donate[**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=923e66d272&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **International** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Petition to Pacific and Pacific Rim Governments including the Australian government** [SIGN HERE](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e8cdb822ff&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The Call on Governments:** ***For Sustainable Peace and the Survival of our Peoples and Environment, we ask you:***   * ***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 sovereign territories 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.**   This petition produced by the Pacific Peace Network, supported by IPAN and hosted by World Beyond War can be  [**SIGNED HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c88c1e829a&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **Please distribute widely  Register** for the **Launch Webinar, 21st June, 11am AEST,** for this peace and solidarity campaign  [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b01abee1d6&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **World Peace Calendar** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**View HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=d50222cbb9&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Palestine-Gaza** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ***CITIZENS’ ARREST WARRANT – FOR ISRAELI GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OR REPRESENTATIVES, FOR WAR CRIMES*** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | Rally outside Israeli Embassy in Canberra supporting delivery of Citizens Arrest Warrant. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Read details of citizens arrest action in ACT at Israeli Embassy [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=f7e7bb0bba&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We therefore call on the Australian government to cease all contracts with the Israeli company, Elbit Systems immediately, and to stop all export permits for weapons or military equipment parts (eg for F35 aircraft) which are liable to be exported from a third country to Israel. We also call on Australia to recognise the state of Palestine and to cease all trade with Israel.   A Citizens Arrest Warrant is therefore being presented to the Israeli ambassador for all Israeli government members or representatives and Israeli soldiers guilty of war crimes, to present themselves to State courts where they reside for prosecution in the Hague.   This inhumanity against the Palestinians must be brought to a halt.   Concerned humane citizens of Australia. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The crime of genocide is happening. The intentional destruction of a people, in whole or in part, is genocide. The law is meant to be used to prevent it, not just review it after the fact.**  We [sent over half a million emails](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1c91c64ed9&e=8ef5b7f4e3) to key governments urging them to invoke the genocide convention at the International Court of Justice. South Africa did so, charging Israel with genocide. Nicaragua, Mexico, Libya, Colombia, and others formally filed declarations of intervention in support of the case. The court has ordered Israel to cease its genocidal acts, and the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court has requested arrest warrants.  We [sent over 200,000 emails](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8ee9246ab5&e=8ef5b7f4e3) urging governments to use United Nations General Assembly Resolution 377 ([Uniting For Peace](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=6a46096224&e=8ef5b7f4e3)) which allows the General Assembly to act when the Security Council fails. The General Assambly has now passed a resolution, but it does not go far enough.  We now urge you to use this form to write to all government consulates (205 emails will be sent with one click) to the UN to tell them at long last to act in a manner worthy of the crisis at hand.  **Tell World Governments to Use the United Nations to End the War on Gaza**  [**SIGN the Document HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=553ba7ab9d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Law for Palestine, May 12 , 2025**  **898 organisations, world-wide, support**  **UNIFIED CALL TO CONFRONT FAMINE IN GAZA: LAUNCH THE DIPLOMATIC HUMANITARIAN CONVOY NOW**  Palestinian civil society, joined by humanitarian and human rights organisations worldwide, issues this urgent and unified call: **The manufactured famine in Gaza must be halted. The international community must act decisively, immediately, and with full moral and legal responsibility.**  We are witnessing, in real time, the **deliberate starvation of a civilian population as a method of warfare**. Over two million Palestinians in Gaza **are living in famine**. Since 2 March 2025, Israel has blocked all humanitarian supplies and life-saving assistance – constituting the longest total siege Gaza has ever experienced. [UNICEF](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=6a6f632156&e=8ef5b7f4e3)and [OCHA](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=390485c0ae&e=8ef5b7f4e3)have sounded the alarm: in Gaza, farmland has been destroyed, fishing waters are off-limits, bakeries and community kitchens are shutting down, food has run out, and people are fighting over water amid relentless bombardment. **Children are**[**“going to bed starving.”**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1dcde6bbe2&e=8ef5b7f4e3) 92% of children under two and breastfeeding mothers are not receiving adequate nutrition. [Hospitals](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=d283669ac5&e=8ef5b7f4e3) have run out of blood, and those burned in explosions are left with no water to save them.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=709e4e1da8&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations,   **Millions want intervention to stop Israeli slaughter of Palestinians**  by Stuart Rees  **Extract**: "What would intervention look like? An “Australians for Humanity” statement hand delivered to the prime minister’s electoral office includes a proposal that a naval force from Western governments escort humanitarian aid boats to the shores of Gaza. It calls on the UN Security Council to dispatch an international peace force to support the distribution of humanitarian aid and to prevent Israel’s annexation of Gaza and the West Bank. In common with the deliberations of Canadian, French and UK governments, that proposal also calls on the Australian Government to impose sanctions against Israel."  Read article[**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=43ac6e946d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **AUKUS & Nuclear issues & War** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Port Kembla, one of three possible sites for an East Coast nuclear submarine base | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **With acknowledgement to Michael West Media, May 8, 2025 Election brinkmanship. Defence Dept mute on East Coast AUKUS bases**  by [Rex Patrick](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c64186956b&e=8ef5b7f4e3)   The location of Australia’s nuclear submarine bases on the East Coast is so sensitive that the Defence Department withheld an FOI response until 24 hours after the polls closed.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=01df6d273e&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Declassified, 31st May,2025  **U.S. military contractor backing Australian nuclear waste dump in Central Australia** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A US military mega-contractor assisting an Australian company to develop a proposal for a nuclear waste dump in Central Australia has a flawed safety record in handling nuclear waste storage.  by [Jorgen Doyle](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9a5d2d5f23&e=8ef5b7f4e3)   In Alice Springs, Central Arrernte Country, the giant American military contractor, Amentum Holdings, is responsible for the day-to-day running of facilities for the secretive US-Australian Pine Gap satellite surveillance base. Now it’s involved in developing a proposed nuclear waste dump in Central Australia.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c7df9d949c&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Cut ties with America - Adelaide Rally** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Cut ties with America - speech by Derek Bourke**  ""Port Adelaide Community Opposes AUKUS (PACOA) emerged from community concern after the federal government designated the Osborne Naval Shipyard as a nuclear zone last year."  "Nuclear subs have never used Port Adelaide before; now, the nuclear fuel cycle will be established in the Osborne yard."......  "Naval nuclear reactors are now authorized at Port Adelaide under a military nuclear regulator—the ‘Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Regulator’—which reports directly to the Minister of Defence." In other words the military will regulate Osborne. That's a conflict of interest in PACOA's book. The military has a history of not divulging information regardless of public interest for reasons of so called 'national security'.  Port Adelaide residents are furious that both federal and state governments have not consulted honestly on this issue, rather they have imposed their will on the community."  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=354c7aa82b&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to ABC News, 9 May, 2025   **US military expected to export 'high-risk' explosives to Australian ports amid arms expansion (facilitated by the Force Posture Agreement)**  Exclusive by [**Oliver Chaseling**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=473d7f51b5&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  The US Department of Defence has sought tenders for the handling of US military cargo in Australian ports.  In its tender solicitation, the shipping manifest of an existing contract has been expanded to include indefinite quantities of explosive cargo.  **What's next?** Further announcements on US-Australian military cooperation in coming months was flagged at a recent Defence industry summit in Darwin.  Subcontractors in at least four Australian ports are expected to soon handle United States military cargo containing gases and radioactive material, as part of an expanded contract with the US government, the ABC can reveal.  The US Department of Defense is currently seeking tenders for port services in the Northern Territory, Queensland and Victoria, where it expects "indefinite quantities" of explosives, aircraft, classified and general cargo to be unloaded from ships and onto trucks.  **Editorial Note:**This export of high risk explosives into our ports is enabled by the Force Posture Agreement. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Defence, Sovereignty and Independence** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Several containers stacked in a harbor  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **With acknowledgement to The Conversation, 2 June,2025 Australia’s plan to protect its trade in war is flawed. We can’t do it with nuclear submarines**  by Dr Albert Palazzo  If war breaks out someday between the United States and China, one of the major concerns for Australia is the [impact on its trade](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4ffa9acca5&e=8ef5b7f4e3).  Our trade routes are long and exposed. Every year, [thousands of merchant ships](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=d023171d7d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) — bulk carriers, tankers, container ships and other types — visit Australian ports to deliver imported goods and pick up exports for delivery at distant ports.......  Fortunately, Australia has other options for safeguarding its trade that don’t necessitate the building of warships.  Our first investment in security should be [diplomatic](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=fa3ff921d6&e=8ef5b7f4e3). The government should prioritise its investment in diplomacy across the region to promote security, including trade security.  Read complete article [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5fb5af9434&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Independent Australia,21 May,2025  **In defence of diplomacy: A path to Australian independence**  By [Alison Broinowski](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4045b55f4d&e=8ef5b7f4e3)   ***Australia cannot make diplomacy its first line of defence until it reclaims the independence it has long surrendered to foreign alliances, writes Dr***[***Alison Broinowski***](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b80cc71be9&e=8ef5b7f4e3)***.***  I HAVE BEEN ASKED by the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network ([IPAN](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=73a07a6945&e=8ef5b7f4e3)) for an (ex) diplomat’s perspective on the proposition that diplomacy is the first line of defence. Regrettably, it isn’t and never has been, even though diplomacy is the world’s second-oldest profession.........[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=98f9523958&e=8ef5b7f4e3)   **EXTRACT from article:**  "Australians are left with the faint hope that our highly unreliable U.S. ally will abandon AUKUS and maybe even ANZUS. If President Trump does so, Australia could build sovereignty and independence, and rebuild diplomacy with our regional neighbours as respectful, collaborative equals. Only as a non-aligned sovereign nation can Australia make diplomacy our first line of defence, as our ASEAN neighbours do. For that to happen, we will need to invent the independent foreign and defence policies Australia has never had.  IPAN campaigns for such policies, emphasising diplomacy to resolve disputes with other countries before war occurs. It identifies three initiatives for Australia’s new government: sign the [*Treaty for Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b495bedf02&e=8ef5b7f4e3), get out of AUKUS and terminate the *Force Posture Agreement*. As well, Australia should end the lease on Pine Gap, which was what [Gough Whitlam](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4c3b38c34d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) was about to do in 1975. Now, with a Labor Government re-elected with a record majority, it’s time." | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A close-up of a text  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Independent Australia, 5th May,2025  **Australian values key to rethinking defence strategy**  ***The re-elected Labor Government has a chance to adopt a defence strategy that values what's most important to Australians — their very lives. Dr***[*Bronwyn Kelly*](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4194991558&e=8ef5b7f4e3)***writes.***  AT THE RECENT National Press Club forum organised by former PM [Malcolm Turnbull](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=608a2ac7f1&e=8ef5b7f4e3) on Australia’s [*Sovereignty and Security*](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=536d2ad9ac&e=8ef5b7f4e3), there was a lot of talk about how to “recalibrate” our defence activities and industries in response to the rise of U.S. President [Trump](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=94d6cd1717&e=8ef5b7f4e3), but little if any talk about how we might redesign our defence strategies to protect what Australians actually value.  An understanding of what Australians value for themselves, their nation and their future ought to be an essential starting point for development of a well-balanced defence and diplomacy strategy, if only because Australians do need to be assured that whatever posture we adopt in defence and foreign policy will actually protect what we value, not destroy it.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=fce2e07463&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **ABC Poll shows Australians' radical shift over Trump, economy**  A clear majority of voters in a new Q+A/YouGov poll say the US is no longer a reliable military ally.  More than seven in 10 Australians believe Donald Trump will make them worse off financially.  Two-thirds of Australians say the United States can't be trusted as a security ally and want to develop a more independent defence capacity, in a dramatic shift since President Donald Trump reclaimed the White House. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Human Rights** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Indigenous deaths in custody must stop**  **Demand Independent public inquiry**into death in custody of young Warlpiri man in Mparntwe/ Alice Springs  There was a police murder of a young Warlpiri man in Mparntwe/ Alice Springs this week. [**READ HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8d76e6b886&e=8ef5b7f4e3) the media release from Kumanjayi White's jaja (grandfather) Ned Hargraves, and below are some details on where you can donate to support Kumanjayi's family with support provisions - i.e. food, fuel, power, blankets, clothes.  Bsb 805050 Account number 62359198 | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Petition: Stop Racial Profiling of Chinese-Australian Political Volunteers** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Chinese-Australian volunteers who participate in political campaigns are being unfairly singled out. Following comments made by Senators James Paterson and Jane Hume on April 30, 2025, concerns about foreign interference have been linked—without evidence—to individuals and groups within the Chinese-Australian community. This has led to public suspicion and hurtful assumptions about ordinary people who simply want to be part of Australia’s democratic process.  [**SIGN HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=bc96932a3d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=eca98eb978&e=8ef5b7f4e3)   |  | | --- | | **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://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=f8373c5ffe&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Coming Events** | | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**REGISTER HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1300c50f29&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Launch of Pacific Peace Network's Campaign: ***Declare Neutrality and help prevent US-China War-*** 21st June, 11am AEST Register[**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=069c64e312&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Launch of IPAN's Campaign to ***Cancel AUKUS and the Force Posture Agreement:*** Sunday 6th July, 2pm AEST Register [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=239cc90fca&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A watermelon with text and a watermelon  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | | |
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