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His justification appears to be the creation of jobs, but principally it assists the US in its military operations destabilising the globe.   As a Quaker, member of several peace organisations, including WILPF and Secretary of Alternatives to Violence Queensland, I have a concern for the sanctity of human life and the belief that all humans are part of one family. Diplomacy, not killing, will lead to more peaceful outcomes…..  READ COMPLETE SUBMISSION [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8466504922&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **This is a submission to the Inquiry from** **Nick Deane (NSW)**:  **Extract:**  "For elusive reasons, that have never been clearly laid out, in 2011 Australia and the USA agreed to the routine stationing of US marines in Darwin. There was no public debate beforehand; there was no emergency (and is none, yet); no hostility; no conquest, and no colonization. However the basic principle of ‘taking heed to how we commit ourselves to armed multitudes’ was breached. Australia now has established a routine in which a multitude of 2,500 armed foreigners are stationed in the Northern Territory……..  READ COMPLETE SUBMISSION [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=fdf8138908&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | **Foreign Policy:** Inquiry background information sheet Read or download[**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=bfadb962a8&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | **Military and Defence:** Inquiry background information sheet Read or download[**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=200c60d215&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **View Environment & Community Webinar** [HERE](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=6ea6532b30&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With Acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, 2nd February, 21    **Why does Australia allow the US to choose our enemies?**  By [ALISON BROINOWSKI](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9a6b6e3db5&e=8ef5b7f4e3)   Trump was right: the US fights ‘forever wars’, and only the names of the enemies change. America is never without an enemy, an heir and a spare. Military force remains the default American response to most problems. Australia needs to warn the new US administration that we’re not interested in illegal, expeditionary wars.  Americans won their independence from Britain with muskets. They then bought other mainland states or took them over by armed force. In the 1860s civil war, more Americans died than have so far succumbed to the Covid-19 pandemic. From the 1890s, an American empire in all but name spread around the world, now secured by some 150,000 troops in more than 800 military bases. The habit of US leaders is to declare ‘war’ on anything and everything, from homelessness and drugs to terror and Covid-19. By 1967, said Martin Luther King, the US government was ‘the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today’…… …. Before the next such event, Australia might warn the new US administration that we’re not interested in illegal, expeditionary wars, nor in provoking an unwinnable war with China. Americans always need a coalition for war: Japan, South Korea, and New Zealand would be reluctant to join one. Without them and Australia, President Biden and his hawkish Secretary of State would need to consider re-deploying those who remain of their expert diplomats to rebalance Asia towards peace.  Read [**ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9a4c009264&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | MEDIA RELEASE FEBRUARY 4, 2021  **Coalition of civil society groups call for an end to UAE arms sales**  Responding to the decision of US President Joe Biden’s administration to temporarily suspend arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a coalition of civil society groups is calling on the Australian Government to follow his lead.  The Australian Arms Control Coalition (AACC) is urging the Australian Government to end the export of military goods to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, as long as there is an overriding risk that such weapons will be used to commit or facilitate violations of International Humanitarian Law, International Human Rights Law or other serious crimes against civilians, including children.  Between 23 August 2019 and 26 October 2020, Australia granted 5 permits for the export of military goods to Saudi Arabia, and 9 permits for the export of military goods to the UAE.   [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8778f8d079&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force on the 22nd of January, making nuclear weapons illegal under international law. You may be wondering, what do we do next? We get Australia on board, of course! The nuclear weapon ban treaty is the new standard, against which all nations are judged. **Our government is coming up short.**   Nuclear weapons don’t protect us from conflict, climate chaos, terrorism or pandemics. They heighten risk and raise the stakes to mass destruction. The treaty is our opportunity to make history and help end the madness of the nuclear status-quo.  In good news, the **Philippines** and **Comoros** recently ratified the treaty, bringing the current number of signatories to 86 and states parties to 54. Closer to home, the **councils of West Torrens and Prospect in South Australia and Mt Isa in Queensland** recently endorsed the Cities Appeal, calling on Australia to join the ban!  **There are now** [**34 councils**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5856f97017&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **in support of Australia joining the treaty! Is yours missing?** Local government action is critical for raising awareness and building support for the change we want. Join our upcoming cities campaign catch up for an update and collaboration: | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **ICAN event**   |  | | --- | | **Online Event:** **Cities Appeal Catch Up!** **Thursday 4th March** **6:30-7:45pm AEDT**20 |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Register here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=a7ce88df6d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | | | | | |
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The superpowers are challenging global peace again and the US must urgently adapt to cool the threat, according to his analysis published as US President [Joe Biden](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=0a987f862f&e=8ef5b7f4e3) takes the helm. The Admiral warned in his latest analysis that the Pentagon's focus on counter-terrorism over the past decades had led it to "ignore" the nuclear threat. | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | **Victorian Trades Hall Council calls on Government to suspend military aid to The Philippines** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | MOTION that VTHC endorse the MUA resolution calling on the Australian government to suspend its military aid and co-operation with the Duterte Government, which is being used to stifle freedom of speech, commit acts of violence against the Pilipino people and exploit the natural environment for the benefit of corporations. Moved: MUA-Vic; Seconded: AEU.  Motion **CARRIED.**  MUA members participated in a demonstration outside the Philippines Consulate in Collins Street on Monday 8 February, protesting the TUMANDOK massacre. We learnt the next day that Leonardo Escala the Labour Union President of Manila port operator ICSTI had been shot dead and become the 51 unionist murdered under the Duterte regime.  His four year old niece was also shot in the back and was in a serious condition. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to The Canberra Times, 27th February,2021  **Let's not allow the Australian War Memorial to become something much uglier**   By Sue Wareham  The focus of the Australian War Memorial is being transformed from commemoration of our war dead to the promotion of militarism, against the wishes of the Australian people, through processes that act as rubber stamps rather than providing checks and balances. The immediate issue is the coming partial demolition and expansion of this pre-eminent institution, to make way for large displays of weaponry and for exhibitions of wars that have not even finished. However, the problem runs much deeper than that.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7462ecb935&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **US, Australia plan to carry on with massive Talisman Sabre exercise despite pandemic**  A report in the USA military’s magazine “Stars and Stripes” states “The United States and Australia will hold a large-scale, multinational military exercise Down Under this (northern) summer despite the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic... Dates and locations for the next installment of the biennial Talisman Sabre, which involved 34,000 U.S. and Australian personnel in 2019, have been posted on the Australian Department of Defence website. The drills, which take place mostly in the northeast state of Queensland, will kick off in late June and peak July 18-31, according to the agency.”  Nick Deane, spokesperson for the Marrickville Peace Group, states: “Talisman Sabre is here again! Two years ago these war exercises were strongly suggestive of preparations for war with China. They involved landings, capture and occupation of islands in a strategy with obvious connections to the situation in the South China Sea. There is no reason to believe that this year’s war exercises will be any different. Apart form the environmental damage and their huge cost, it is not in the interests of the Australian people to practice with the U.S. in such provocative war preparations – especially when they are aimed at our major trading partner. Indeed every effort should be made to have this type of war-game activity cancelled. Australia should keep out of future US-led wars.”  According to the official website, this year’s exercises will run from late June until mid-August and cover an expanded area. “TS21 exercise activities are planned to occur in Queensland including in the Charters Towers region and ADF Townsville Field Training Area (TFTA); coastal locations including Stanage Bay region, ADF Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA), Lindeman Island, Bowen, Proserpine, Midge Point, Ingham, Tully, Cowley Beach, Innisfail, Yarrabah and RAAF Scherger; as well as inland locations. Evans Head in NSW may also be used.” [https://www1.defence.gov.au/exercises/talisman-sabre-21](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=3bd05a96e2&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | **Senator Jordan Steele John** in parliament in a debate on the Afghan war crimes calls for steps ***to secure peace for our community and for every human being on this blue planet*** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | “Let us look clearly in the eye of what has happened here. Let us seize this opportunity to reckon with the reality that war is hell and when we enter into it without a clear reason for it, when we enable it to become distanced from political scrutiny, when we enable culture to develop among those who we ask to fight that dehumanises, these crimes, these actions, are inevitable. Let us pledge here to take those steps necessary to ensure that these things never happen again, that there is accountability of the chain of command, that there is justice for the families and that we here in this place take the steps to secure peace—peace for our community here in Australia, for our region and for every human being on this blue planet” | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **18 years since the start of the U.S. invasion of Iraq with the support of Australia and it sparked huge ant-war demonstrations across Australia and the World estimated at 30 million**  Peter Wish-Wilson speaks in Parliament on this 18th Anniversary of this disastrous invasion.  View **HERE** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Mirror, 26th February,21   ****Joe Biden orders first military attack as US carries out 'revenge' airstrike in Syria**** Officials say Joe Biden approved the airstrike against a structure belonging to Iran-backed militia in response to recent rocket attacks against US targets in Iraq. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **BIDEN'S FOREIGN POLICY – A SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT**  by Stephen Darley  Much of the Australian media are uncritically reporting a line consistently followed by the 'liberal' mass-media in the US – that Biden's administration will be substantially, even radically different in both foreign and domestic policy to Trump's. This paper is concerned with the former, where there are strong reasons to suspect this is a major misreading of the situation, despite how early in the Biden-Harris term this is. But one point on domestic policy – it's well known that during the election campaign Biden promised rich donors that “nothing would fundamentally change”.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e6016c0f81&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ****Two decades after 9/11, US war machine is in 85 countries**** by P & I Guest Writers, 28th February,2021   Since 2018, the US has provided “counterterrorism” training or assistance in 79 nations and its troops have carried out bombing or ground attacks in 10 countries, according to a new interactive map. Meanwhile, China has one official overseas base, in Djibouti.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8be87f92a3&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **A Regional Real-War Scenario: US Foreign Policy, The Indo-Pacific And Taiwan, 2021-25**  By Richard Stone, January ,2021  A major foreign policy statement from a former senior Pentagon official has provided details about US preparations for a regional war in the Indo-Pacific region over Taiwan. The military planning will be a major test of influence for the Biden administration which is busy making appointments to replace Trump appointees. Whatever the outcome of the foreign policy discussions, the diplomatic positions of Australia and other US allies, would, however, appear unchanged. They will retain already designated positions in US-led military frameworks.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1746925cf6&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WW2: We should never forget the role of China and we are in debt to them for it**  Extract from John Menadue’s “China in the second world war” in P & I, 26th February 2021: “In his speech at the NAB Australia-China Business Week on 5 September 2014, Malcolm Turnbull referred to the horrible histories of Japan and China. He said: “There is one chapter in those histories which is all too often unread even where it is written at all. For China the war with Japan had begun in 1937 and for four years she fought alone. Japan had 680,000 troops in China at the time it launched its offensive in the Pacific – four times the number it deployed to sweep through South East Asia until they were stopped at our doorstep in the jungles of New Guinea. Had China been defeated and become a collaborating puppet state, like Vichy France, not only would Japan have been able to fling vastly greater resources into the war against Australia, but it would have been able to invade Siberia in 1942, as Hitler asked, when the Red Army was almost smashed by the Nazi offensive in the West. We may not have succeeded in resisting Japanese aggression without the tenacious heroism of our Chinese ally. The Soviet Union, reeling in the face of the blitzkrieg, may not have been able to survive a two-front war at its moment of greatest weakness.   The central role of China as our ally in the Second World War is barely remembered in Australia today. But it will never be forgotten in China. We should never forget that China’s war against Japan was not just their war, but our war too – and without China we may not have won it at all.” “ | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to P & I, 14th February 2021  **Foreign ownership hits hopes of national independence**    by Bevan Ramsden    Foreign ownership and control is continuing to devastate the Australian economy to the detriment of all Australians. It undermines the economic base for national independence.  For decades, successive Australian governments have argued that Australia cannot produce sufficient capital investment to develop key sectors of the economy. Foreign investment has therefore been encouraged. This has also meant that Australian enterprises, in some cases entre industries,  have fallen under foreign control through majority share ownership………  Clinton Fernandes published more recent information on foreign ownership of industry in Australia in his book Island off the coast of Asia (2018): “Right now US corporations eclipse everyone else in their ability to influence our politics, through their investments in Australian stocks. Using company ownership data from Bloomberg, I analysed the ownership of Australia’s 20 biggest companies a few days after the 2019 federal election in May. Of those, 15 were majority-owned by US-based investors. Three more were at least 25% US-owned.” The list included the following companies and their US ownership percentage:   * Commonwealth Bank of Australia 62% * BHP Group 73% * Westpac Bank 64% * National Australia Bank 63% * ANZ Bank 54% * Woolworths 66% * Rio Tinto 65% * Wesfarmers 56%   Foreign ownership dominance has helped destroy the manufacturing industry, has ripped out resources at excessive extraction rates to maximise profits, and the result is an accelerated depletion of our mineral resources. Many corporations pay minimal, if not zero, tax and are net exporters of capital in profits and dividends. And their heavy extraction of fossil fuels goes against the desire of the Australian people for action on human-induced climate change.  Foreign ownership distorts and weakens the Australian economy to meet short term profitability objectives, and in doing so undermines the economic base for national independence.  Read complete article [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8471da2174&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Closure of Altona refinery fuels concerns about Australian manufacturing**  by Adam Duckett  EXXONMOBIL is closing its Altona refinery in Victoria, Australia. The decision comes hot on the heels of BP’s plans to shut the Kwinana refinery and has elevated concerns about fuel security and the future of downstream manufacturing in Australia. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australian Resources should be controlled and used for the benefit of the Australian People**  **Extracts from Prof. Clinton Fernandes’ submission to the Senate Inquiry into an Amendment Bill to make decisions on off-shore petroleum and gas fields for the benefit of the Australian people**  The Australian government should have insisted on equity in the North West Shelf Project at the very beginning, when share prices were affordable. 2. It should have insisted on income-contingent subsidies in the same way that Australian students are required to pay back their university fees once their incomes exceed some amount. 3. It should have insisted on a golden share of any future commercial opportunities arising from the project over its lifetime. These alternatives would reward inventors whilst also giving society some additional benefits. 4. If it has the boldness and imagination, the Australian government can compulsorily transfer 51 per cent of the shares into a social holding entity. It can compensate the owners via long-term bonds and share dilutions. Such an action would bring billions of dollars under public control and permit investment in much-needed national infrastructure, advanced manufacturing, energy efficiency, high technology research and development, and other forms of domestic innovation. …. **A nationally owned company for strategically important minerals**  Although this inquiry is into offshore oil and gas, the above argument holds a fortiori for Australia’s natural endowment more generally. In 2013, Geoscience Australia conducted a study of “Critical commodities for a high-tech world.”17 It found that Australia was rich in antimony, beryllium, bismuth, chromium, cobalt, copper, graphite, helium, indium, lithium, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, niobium, platinum-group elements (PGE), rare-earth elements (REE), tantalum, thorium, tin, titanium, tungsten and zirconium. Some of these commodities are considered most critical by the EU, Japan, South Korea, UK and US. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **ANZAC DAY- To Celebrate, Commemorate or Ignore?**  **Have your say, in a paragraph, for publication in April Voice.**  Send to Voice Editor, [bevanram1960@gmail.com](mailto:bevanram1960@gmail.com) | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **RAPID PUBLIC RESPONSE**  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.   I**n 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.   **In Brisbane**, at King George Square, 5 pm | | | | | | | | | | |
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