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 \* Rapid Public Response | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Next in the popular IPAN Inquiry Webinar series** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Register for  the event [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=456f285748&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The People’s Inquiry invites you to join us for the third in a series of webinars on the US-Australian alliance - on economics & workers’ rights. These webinars are held as a part of the People’s Inquiry into the costs and consequences of Australia’s involvement in US-led wars and the US alliance. We are lucky enough to be joined by two of the Inquiry’s panellists:  Dr. Chad Satterlee is an independent political economist. His main research interests concern the design of collective ownership. He has previously consulted for government and not-for-profit organisations on energy and labour relations issues.  As well as Associate Professor Jeannie Rea chairs courses in International Community Development and in Planetary Health at Victoria University, Melbourne, and has been a peace and labour activist all her life. She was formerly president of the National Tertiary Education Union and a member of the ACTU Executive.  Annette Brownlie, IPAN's chairperson, will be hosting. For more information go to our website [www.independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au.](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=a75085bd4a&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  If you have questions for the panellists please send them to [ipan.inquiry@gmail.com](mailto:ipan.inquiry@gmail.com) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **If you missed the last Webinar on Defence and Foreign Policy with Vince Scappatura and Alison Broinowski, you can access it**  [HERE](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=151b1e950c&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Submissions keep rolling in** **Have you had your say yet?**  **To make a submission to the Inquiry, go to:** [www.independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au](http://www.independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Submissions can be short (one paragraph) or long (up to 5,000 words). Here is one from Victoria from Brian Boyd** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Extract:** **Subject: WAR TALK - state of play (February 2021)**  "A truly independent, self - respecting Australia should demand that the military activities of both the US and China stay out of our region and desist from their destructive economic competition and rivalry, that has the potential for higher levels of economic disruption and open conflict Australia should be totally independent from all manifestations of imperialism and major power expansionism. Canberra should develop its own brand of diplomacy and statecraft that is less tethered to a pro-war alliance. A smarter prosecuted dialogue can be embarked upon to reflect Australia’s distinctive interests in this part of the world."    **READ COMPLETE SUBMISSION** [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9e0908baf0&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **This is a submission to the Inquiry from** **Lynda Forbes, secretary of Hunter Peace Group (NSW)**:  **Extract:**  "We in  Hunter Peace Group, therefore argue that foreign bases on any country’s soil bring no advantage to the country. They are detrimental.  Detrimental because these facilities most probably will become targets by enemies of the owners’ of the bases. We therefore submit the call that all foreign bases on home soils should be closed imminently. We also use the information in this submission to argue that Australia should become a Sovereign Nation again with independent foreign and defence policies, and that all foreign incursions should only be undertaken with the full support of the Australian Parliament with voting and timelines included."  READ COMPLETE SUBMISSION [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e0a6a13fb9&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | **Economics:** Inquiry background information sheet Read or download[**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b605092fde&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | **Workers' Rights:** Inquiry background information sheet Read or download[**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9f162c21aa&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Have your say on Australian Foreign Policy using the IPAN questionaire with Survey Monkey** Access the Questionaire [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=179672b4e5&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **18th Anniversary of disastrous Iraq War- Peace supporters rally in Sydney** | | | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Alison Broinowski speaking out at  the Sydney Rally on 18th Anniversary of commencement of the disastrous war on Iraq by US and Australian Forces** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Nick Deane of the Marrickville :Peace Group also spoke at the rally saying: "The decision to join the invasion has never been the subject of any thorough inquiry or investigation. To this day we do not know the details of what went on in the corridors of power. We do not know how or why Australia made the decision. But we do know some very important features. One thing we can be sure of is that the decision to join the USA in invading and occupying Iraq was an ignorant decision:-   * it ignored resolutions of the United Nations Security Council; * it ignored the advice of the UN weapons inspectors; * it ignored the Australian Parliament – being made without any debate there; * it ignored the likely outcome of the entire region being de-stabilised (as was foreseen by many), and * it ignored the will of the people of the world, who came out onto the streets in their millions to say “This is wrong!” “Don’t do it!” | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations **The Blood for Oil Iraq War needs a Public, Chilcott-type Inquiry and urgently** by Bevan Ramsden  20th March,2021 is 18 years since Australia made the decision to join the United States in the disastrous war of aggression against Iraq. No Australian public Inquiry into the reasons and political responsibilities for that decision has been held and one is very much needed as war clouds are developing in South East Asia and a decision to join the US in another war may be around the corner.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=d8a20b86a2&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With Acknowledgement to Independent Australia. 28th March 2021  **We're good at giving guns but not at taking in victims of war** by Sam Brennan | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ***People are fleeing wars in which Australia is deeply involved, so our responsibility to provide asylum seekers with a safe home is not an abstract one, writes***[*Sam Brennan*](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=36809c070f&e=8ef5b7f4e3)***.***  ON [PALM Sunday](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=812f114380&e=8ef5b7f4e3) thousands will [march](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4564c98e07&e=8ef5b7f4e3) in solidarity with refugees and people seeking asylum, condemning the Australian Government’s abysmal treatment of the most vulnerable. However, the government has not only [denied](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5d9fccafdc&e=8ef5b7f4e3) such people the ability to live in peace and build a life once they arrived in Australia, but has been complicit in the warfare and arms dealing that forced these people to flee in the first place.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5bee394e43&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Palm Sunday Rally -War dominant cause of  refugees**  Palm Sunday for Peace and Refugee rights in Brisbane was organised by the Refugee Action Collective and Just Peace Qld on Sunday 28th March. Speakers included community leaders working on the IPAN led Inquiry into the costs and consequences of Australia’s involvement in US led wars. Dr Peter Catt and Prof Ian Lowe spoke about the impacts of war on the environment and how wars are the dominant cause of civilians being forced to flee their homelands and seek refuge. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Drop all charges against Julian Assange** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A rally outside the UK consulate in Brisbane calling for the dropping of all charges against Julian Assange and Wikileaks was held on Monday 29th March. That same morning Nationals MP George Christensen, Independent Andrew Wilkie and Labor’s Julian Hill lobbied the US embassy’s charge d’affaires, Michael Goldman, arguing the Australian citizen should be allowed to return home. Speakers included Andrew Bartlett, Angus Murray VP Qld Council of Civil Liberties and organiser Adele Goldie plus a number of others providing information on the backdrop of why Assange has been so cruelly targeted. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Drop the Prosecution of David McBride!**  **Defend Democracy and a Free Press – Properly fund the ABC!** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Alliance against Political Prosecutions Rally, 9.30am Monday 3 May 2021, ACT Supreme Court, Knowles Pl Canberra City3 May 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM AEST May 3 is the start of David McBride’s hearing for his public interest defence for providing information to the ABC about possible war crimes in Afghanistan.  The broadcasting of the Afghan Files on 4 Corners on 11 July 2017 was followed by raids on the ABC and David McBride’s arrest in September 2018.  He faced his first directions hearing in June 2019.  This drawn out case, like the cases of Bernard Collaery and Witness K, uses the guise of ‘national security’ to close the court.  May 3 is also World Press Freedom day!  How can telling the truth about what was happening in Afghanistan, not be in the public interest?  Similarly with Bernard Collaery and Witness K being charged as a result of the government bugging the Timor Leste government offices during the negotiations for the Timor Sea oil and gas negotiations.  This was to gain advantage in the negotiations, primarily for the benefit of companies such as Woodside Petroleum.  The charges against all these men of integrity are a threat to our system of open justice and a threat to democracy.  They must be dropped! | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Coalition to disrupt Land Forces**  A coalition of refugee, youth, climate. feminist, first nations and peace grpoups is currently forming to protest the massive weapons expo in Brisbane from 1-3 June, Land Forces 21. We plan to run a broad array of protest actions between 28th May until 3rd June, in and around the Brisbane Convention Centre where Land Forces will be held. Along with a web site and social media channels, the coalition is hosting [public meetings in [Lismore (10 April)](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4ed7d68b5a&e=8ef5b7f4e3), [Melbourne (20 April)](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=cb15dca583&e=8ef5b7f4e3) and [Brisbane (1st May.](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9e6cd6b31f&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This event is organised by [Hunter Workers](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e962f68a8e&e=8ef5b7f4e3)**,** [AMIEU Newcastle & Northern](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b1ca6236a4&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **and** [SDA Newcastle and Northern](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=6ea676f523&e=8ef5b7f4e3) Venue: [Gregson Park](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5de4920880&e=8ef5b7f4e3) Date: Saturday, 1 May 2021 from 10:00 UTC+10-12:00 UTC+10 Price: free · Duration: 2 hr | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Australian Labor Party has reaffirmed its commitment to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in government. This strong policy was adopted at the Special Platform Conference and is in line with the commitment made at Labor's 2018 National Conference. The relevant chapter was moved by Shadow Foreign Minister Senator Penny Wong and seconded by Shadow Defence Minister Brendan O'Connor.  In other news, an ICAN delegation recently visited Parliament House in Canberra to discuss the entry into force of the treaty and the upcoming first meeting of states parties with parliamentarians.  We joined a celebratory event hosted by Parliamentary Friends of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which is a cross-party group co-hosted by Ged Kearney MP, Senator Jordon Steele-John and Ken O'Dowd MP. The room of parliamentarians and advisers [heard from](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=3514b38db2&e=8ef5b7f4e3) Austrian Head of Disarmament Alexander Kmentt, who will be the President of the first meeting of states parties in January 2022. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, 19th March, 2021  **Diplomacy in decline: Filling Australia's foreign policy void** By Alison Broinowski  Australian diplomacy has been on the decline and independence is necessary in order to repair foreign relations, writes Dr [Alison Broinowski](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=d98b9224e3&e=8ef5b7f4e3). IF YOUR NATIONAL DAY celebrates the arrival of a colonising power, your country may appear still to be a dominion. If your MPs and senators swear to serve the monarch of another nation on the other side of the world and your flag is adapted from theirs, that doesn’t represent sovereignty. If your country allows its territory to be occupied by an ally’s military and intelligence bases, the same applies. If your government has modelled much of its foreign and defence policy on those of its two allies, it isn’t independent.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=0a58f3f7db&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With Acknowledgements to P & I, 17th December, 2021  **We have already ceded our sovereignty, not to China but to America for no good reason.** By [Bruce Haigh](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=63c354b719&e=8ef5b7f4e3)    Racism, fear and lack of moral courage sees Australia tied to a declining America, suffering, as a result, a lack of self-respect, independence and a viable and progressive relationship with our largest trading partner.........  Morrison talks about defending our sovereignty against China but that has already been ceded for no good reason to America. I wonder if Morrison and Dutton realise how much of our sovereignty, we have passed to the US with their base, known as Pine Gap, in the Northern Territory? We only have partial access and there are other US bases and facilities in Australia to which we have limited access. There are American B52 bombers at Tindale RAAF Base ready to bomb Chinese submarine pens on Hainan Island. What are we doing? What have we been conned into?  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e8dc76b7e6&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Filipino fishermen protest against China Coast Guard Law**  Filipino fishermen protested in Manila on Wednesday to defy the passage of a recent law by China that authorises its coast guard to fire on foreign vessels and destroy other countries' structures on islands it claims in the South China Sea.    **Philippines send fighter aircraft over Chinese vessels in South China Sea**  Manila (Reuters)- The Philippines military is sending light fighter aircraft to fly over hundreds of Chinese vessels in disputed waters in the South China Sea, its defence minister said, as he repeated his demand that the flotilla be withdrawn immediately.  International concern is growing over what the Philippines has described as a "swarming and threatening presence" of more than 200 Chinese vessels that Manila believes were manned by maritime militia.  The boats were moored at the Whitsun Reef within Manila's 200-mile exclusive economic zone.. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The worrying developments pointing to a war between the USA and China** The following articles demonstrate this worrying trend- Editor | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Pentagon pushes for Pacific missile defence site to counter China's threat to the US** Pacific  Beat: by Marian Faa & Srinivasan. 19th March 2021  The head of the US Navy's Indo-Pacific Command is urging Congress to build a new missile defence base in the Pacific as part of a larger strategy to counter China's military threat to the region.   * The Indo-Pacific Deterrence Initiative would inject a reported $35 billion of US military spending in the Pacific * The Pentagon wants greater funding to counter the threat of a Chinese attack on Guam * The US Navy plans to increase marine troops in the region, including in Darwin   The Pentagon is seeking $US77 million ($98 million) to build a permanent "land-based integrated air and missile defence system and associated weapon delivery system on Guam", as outlined in the Indo-Pacific Deterrence Act. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Another nuclear power joins the dispute in the South China Sea** [By 9News Staff](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=459ca88ffe&e=8ef5b7f4e3), Mar 2, 2021  Beijing is stepping up operations in the South China Sea in an effort to "modernise" its armed forces, while the US and France are also engaged in sending vessels to the disputed region. The People's Liberation Army is undertaking a month-long military exercise to build up its joint operations capacity, the [South China Morning Post](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=f11b7d119b&e=8ef5b7f4e3) reported. zone, which has a radius of 5km off the coast of Guangdong Province. "We will not lose an inch of our land left to us by our ancestors," the defence ministry said in a statement. "We are determined to maintain the peace and stability of the South China Sea. We oppose any nations creating tensions and stepping up military presence under the name of freedom of navigation." "Freedom of navigation" is why the US, among other nations including Vietnam and Australia, have been increasing patrols in the South China Sea in recent months. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australia discussing 'contingency' plans with United States over possible Taiwan conflict** ABC News 1st March 2021  A senior American diplomat says Australia and the United States are discussing contingency plans in case a military conflict erupts over Taiwan. In a wide-ranging discussion on an Australian National University podcast, Mr Goldman was asked to describe the significance of Taiwan in conversations between the US and its allies in the region, including Australia. "I think we're committed as allies to working together, not only in making our militaries interoperable and functioning well together but also in strategic planning," Mr Goldman said. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australia launches $1billion plan to build guided missiles** Daily Mail:  The federal government plans to spend $1 billion to fast-track the creation of a guided weapons facility  establishing a new military manufacturing industry. Australia will produce its own guided missiles under a $1 billion plan to fast-track a new weapons facility in partnership with a global arms manufacturer. The federal government expects to spend $100 billion on missiles and other guided weapons over the next two in response to a worsening strategic environment | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Nikkei Asia, 7th March 2021 **How the US military is preparing for a war with China** by James Stavridis  The Atlantic Council's publication of The Longer Telegram, which lays out a sweeping blueprint for a U.S. strategy to face China, provides significant clues about a new lay-down of American forces around east Asia.  One of the key elements in the military component is a series of "red lines" to which the U.S. would respond militarily.  These include "any nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons action by China against the U.S. or its allies or by North Korea; any Chinese military attack against Taiwan or its offshore islands, including an economic blockade or major cyberattack against Taiwanese public infrastructure and institutions; any Chinese attack against Japanese forces in their defense of Japanese sovereignty over the Senkaku Islands, which China claims as the Diaoyu, and their surrounding exclusive economic zone in the East China Sea; any major Chinese hostile action in the South China Sea to further reclaim and militarize islands, to deploy force against other claimant states, or to prevent full freedom of navigation operations by the U.S. and allied maritime forces; and any Chinese attack against the sovereign territory or military assets of U.S. treaty allies."........  Taken together, it seems clear that the U.S. military is stepping up its presence and combat capability in the Western Pacific, and positioning for a conflict with China over the coming decades. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Newsweek  31/3/2021 **China's Military Preparing for U.S. Intervention in** **Taiwan Strait** by John Feng  [China](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8b2abc3ccf&e=8ef5b7f4e3) is readying itself for American and Japanese involvement in any Taiwan Strait conflict, with recent warplane exercises around the island aimed at displaying its ability to isolate [Taiwan](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=2fcfc88645&e=8ef5b7f4e3) from potential support, according to analysts in Beijing and Taipei. After 10 [People's Liberation Army](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=db49819ead&e=8ef5b7f4e3) aircraft, including fighter jets and reconnaissance planes, flew sorties into Taiwan's air defense identification zone on Monday, a senior defense official in Taipei noted the "offensive posture" of the military exercise. Deputy Defense Minister Chang Che-ping described the waves of Chinese aircraft as part of a naval and air force "joint operation." | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Consortium News 31/3/21 **NATO expanding its Theatre with China in its sights** by Ann  Wright  During the March 23-24 meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) council, Anthony Blinken, the U.S. secretary of state, encouraged NATO members to join the U.S. in viewing China as an economic and security threat to the U.S. as well as to NATO countries, thereby expanding NATO's areas of focus to include the Pacific. This a dangerous move that must be challenged....... As NATO advisors name China as the No 2 threat after Russia, the U.S. top diplomat echoes their rallying call as the U.S. military ramps up its forces in the Pacific region. These worrisome developments suggest the U.S. will continue to play a leading role in pushing NATO to train its sights on China, which will heighten the dangerous confrontation in the Western Pacific. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **ANZAC DAY- To Celebrate, Commemorate or Ignore?**  **Have your say, in a paragraph, for publication in May 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Voice is produced and edited by the Media Group of the IPAN co-ordinating committee. 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