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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Over 100 submissions received** **Have you had your say yet?** **Submissions close on 16th August, 21**  **To make a submission to the Inquiry, go to:** [www.independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au](http://www.independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **1,000 questionnaires received Have your say on Australian Foreign Policy using the IPAN questionnaire with Survey Monkey** Access the Questionaire at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMMMKTS](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=86b2a9c8aa&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | | |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | **Media Release  22 July 2021** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australia's hosting of U.S. war games alienates the region and must end**    · Australia should no longer host Talisman Sabre military exercises  · Talisman Sabre has a negative impact on the safety of our region, environment and community health during COVID-19 · Australia should focus on engaging positively with our neighbours in the region  Talisman Sabre 2021, the largest land war practice in the region, is currently taking place in Australia. The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN), calls on the Australian Government to stop hosting these belligerent operations, which alienates Australia from its neighbours, threatens public health and the environment.   [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=f8610e0bd2&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Independent Australia, 24 July 2021  **Talisman Sabre: When the environment becomes collateral damage** by Rita Camilleri  ***A major military training exercise being held in Queensland could spell long-term disaster for the environment, writes***[**Rita Camilleri**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e250236e77&e=8ef5b7f4e3)***. Readers and contributors to Independent Australia, a proud partner of***[**IPAN**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c60d19f328&e=8ef5b7f4e3)***, are invited to respond and join this urgent national conversation.***  TALISMAN SABRE 2021 ([TS21](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=fbaf689537&e=8ef5b7f4e3)) is a biennial combined Australia-U.S. training exercise for interoperability in warfare, often including other allied forces, being held in Australia currently and will reach its peak at the end of the month......  All military operations include the use of chemicals, many of which are toxic. TNT and heavy metals including mercury seriously affect the well-being of whatever they come in touch with. Contamination is a serious spin-off as is the case in many of the U.S. [military sites](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=caf692232e&e=8ef5b7f4e3).  The effects of air and ground pollution from industrial activity can cause whole ecosystems to collapse. Heavy military vehicles and machinery moving around Queensland over land and sea beds can also be lethal.  What all this tells us is that the Australia-U.S. alliance carries with it not just financial and military costs, but also serious long-term environmental costs. These can no longer be swept under the carpet.  Read complete article [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=0d5b4df3eb&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Pacific Peace Network Webinar-** **Cancel Talisman Sabre war exercises** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This international webinar hosted by World without War was well attended with near 100 participants. Speakers from Hawaii, Guam, South Korea, Japan, The Philippines, NZ and Australia explained how US military activity impacted on their country and its citizens. View the Webinar [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4379da1ea9&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ABC Pacific Beat, 27th July, 21 **Calls to end military 'war games' in Pacific over safety, environment fears**  By Marian Faa   At Shoalwater Bay, on the coast of Central Queensland, troops from seven different countries are preparing for war. The large-scale military training exercise, Talisman Sabre, involves more than 17-thousand personnel from Australia, America, New Zealand, South Korea, Japan, Canada and the UK.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1ee8665c92&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Melbourne: July 4 Rally at Victoria Market "Keep Australia out of U.S. wars"** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Report on  Rally**  The lively rally was attended by 50 participants representing community and union organisations.  It was held in compliance with Covid restrictions in Melbourne which limited public gatherings to 50, wearing of masks and other Covid safety requirements.   About 350 leaflets were handed out, shoppers stopped to listen and a few offered to hand out the leaflets and took them to give to their families and friends.   Organised by IPAN–Victoria; and endorsed by Pax Christi, Melbourne Unitarian Peace Church Memorial, Maritime Union of Australia, Spirit of Eureka, Medical Association for Prevention of War, Health and Community Sector Union, Free Assange Melbourne, PASA, CICD, Earth Worker, Melbourne May Day Organisation,  Bayan, and others.  Speakers from above endorsing organisations and others.   Details of speeches and more photos [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=113db44281&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  . | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Speech for IPAN SA event – War memorial Adelaide – 4 July 2021.**  **by Ruth Russell**   Today, the U.S. is the biggest global military power with close to 1,000 military bases and hundreds of thousands of troops stationed around the world, including Australia.   We have followed the U.S. into war - time and time again, with only bloodshed to show for it.   This obsequious attachment to American global involvement in many wars has left Australians the **poorer, but none the wiser or safer.**      How did all those years of fighting, killing, destroying the environment, villages and families help the Afghan people? They are now left in as equally a perilous a state as they were before we joined in.  Now the Uruzgan province where Australian troops served    , has returned to Taliban control.    The women in Kabul - whom some people here support to run a vocational training centre for women – to teach them to read, write and sew so they can set up their own small business to provide for their family, is now seriously at risk from the Taliban again.   [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=10d1cbfa53&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations. 23 July 2021    **Australia’s alliance with the United States: passed its use by date**                                          By [Cameron Leckie](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=cb69c46626&e=8ef5b7f4e3)   Australia’s alliance with the United States has become an unthinking custom and practice. It has already cost us dearly in both blood and treasure with little to show for it. It is time to look at the alternatives....  Unfortunately, war is part of the human condition. Australia needs the capability to defend itself against credible threats. But we should not overstate those threats. And we should not involve ourselves in military campaigns and alliances that are destabilising and detrimental to our national interest. Perhaps former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser said it best: “Australia needs the United States for defence. But Australia only needs defence because of the United States.”  Australia urgently needs a national and rational debate on the alliance. The issues at stake risk our prosperity, security, sovereignty and democracy for generations to come. Now is not the time to mindlessly follow a flailing and ailing once-great hegemon into the abyss.  Read complete article [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=79704713b9&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to SBS News  **US marines accused of sexually assaulting women while stationed in the Northern Territory**  by Henry Swartz  Documents obtained by SBS News have revealed several allegations of sexual assault made against US marines serving in Australia, with investigations into them being shifted overseas or dropped. Some survivors also say they felt discouraged by the Australian Defence Force from following through on their complaints.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=6ba412e766&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The **Peace Foundation** and the **Romero Community** invite you to the annual Hiroshima Day Morning Peace Commemoration.  In memory of the bombing that occurred at 8.15 in the morning, the commemoration starts at 8am, finishing at 8.30am in the [Peace Park, War Memorial Drive, opposite Memorial Hospital](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=0108d202b0&e=8ef5b7f4e3).  **The Hon Mark Parnell, former Greens Member of the Legislative Council, will be our special guest speaker.**  Please come and join us to honour the victims and reflect on the need to continue the fight for an end to nuclear weapons.  **THIS EVENT IS SUBJECT TO SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COVID19 HEALTH RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME**. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **ICAN Advises:** Manhattan Project for a Nuclear-Free World will co-host, on Thursday, August 5 at 9AM Eastern US (8AM Central/ 7AM Mountain/ 6AM Pacific/ 10PM Japan), a [zoom event (register here)](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=10f85b702a&e=8ef5b7f4e3) to commemorate the 76th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Speakers include youth activists from Hiroshima and Nagasaki; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generation atomic bomb survivors; and a young Fukushima evacuee. We will also have music and songs from Hiroshima and New York.   Please share the attached flyer and the following registration link to your colleagues, friends, and neighbors. Registration link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqd-ugrDgtHdOv9WIyoNwioXp-Gsv9f5Pc](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7befd4b92a&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hiroshima Day Commemorations in Tasmania**  MAPW is holding its annual Hiroshima Day commemoration in Hobart on Saturday August 7th on Salamanca Lawns from 11-12, with support from other peace groups. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hiroshima Day Commemorations in Newcastle**  Due to COVID restrictions, this planned event in Newcastle will no longer include a dinner but a flag raising ceremony will still be held with reduced numbers. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With Acknowledgement to The Australian, 21 July 2021  **US forces give the nod to closer ties**  by Ben Packham  Australia and the US are in talks to deepen their military co-­operation, with plans for new ­exercises on Australian soil ­including joint training with American army soldiers. The aim is to strengthen the ­interoperability of the nations’ ­forces amid growing strategic threats, by expanding the frequency and variety of US training missions in Australia. The proposed exercises with the US army would be modelled on the annual rotation of Marines through Darwin, and use a variety of military training areas including those in Queensland.   The planned training expansion is being discussed ahead of an August meeting of Australian and US four-star generals and intelligence community leaders in Washington.  The push to ramp up joint training with US forces in Australia is consistent with America’s shift in force posture, which aims to build more nimble and geographically distributed capabilities across the Indo-Pacific in preparation for a potential conflict with China. It comes as nearly 17,000 Australian and US personnel participate in Exercise Talisman Sabre – the allies’ biggest bilateral training mission – at Defence ­facilities across Queensland.  This year’s exercise, which also involves contingents from Japan, Canada, Britain and New Zealand, is being closely watched by two Chinese spy ships, reflecting Beijing’s growing interest in how the nations’ militaries work together.  The Morrison and Biden ­administrations are also in the midst of delicate negotiations to build guided missiles in Australia using top-secret US technology, and store US weapons and equipment at Top End bases.  Read complete article [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=61bd33e2b6&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Against the background of senior, government officials mentioning the ‘Drums of War’, and a concerted propaganda campaign demonising China, the need to advocate (and agitate for) peace is becoming more urgent by the day.   Sensing this need, activists in Sydney have joined forces to organise a major event, that will extend over nine days, centred on the UN’s International Day of Peace (September 21). It is called ‘Raising Peace’ and is described as a ‘peace festival’ or a celebration of peace.  IPAN NSW representative, Nick Deane, says “We are all alarmed by recent, public discussion of the possibility of war. The need to raise the voice of peace has become more urgent than it has been since the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Now is the time for all who espouse the cause of peace to rediscover the common ground they share. It is vital that the concept and possibility of peaceful co-existence be brought back into common discourse.” The hope is that Raising Peace will have just this result.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=0a6bcad7df&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Dates: 16th to 26th September 2021 Venue: 107 @ 107 Redfern St Redfern NSW 2016 Details [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9b2531f269&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **UPDATE** **At a meeting on July 28, it was decided that Raising Peace will be mainly 'on-line', due to the extended Sydney lockdown. More details to follow...** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, 26th July,2021  **What are hostilities if not war?**  By [Alison Broinowski](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=637698e7e5&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  Rarely is the United States not at war. Trump didn’t start any wars, but he didn’t end any either. Biden is keeping America’s enemies and adding new ones. Congressional control over how the US goes to war and what it’s called has again become a pressing issue. Following the ‘war on terror’, three concerned American Senators crossed party lines in July to clarify the rules governing how Congress authorises allocate funding for wars. Democrat Chris Murphy, Republican Mike Lee, and Independent Bernie Sanders have drafted a bill to replace the War Powers Resolution of 1973, which was passed at the height of the Vietnam war.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=f65b02f3a6&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **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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