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IPAN Members' Meeting - Updates - Anti-AUKUS protests- Inquiry report

Thursday, 2nd December

The meeting will be held via zoom at Time: 7 pm AEDT

Check local times: 7.00 pm NSW/Vic/ACT/Tas; 6.30 pm

SA; 6.00 pm (Qld); 5.30 pm NT; 4.00 pm WA

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86197224562?pwd=M3gyTWhvNUdpMTdtNWQ0U25VN2U2dz09#success>

(If you have not used Zoom before, you will need to download the Zoom program prior to the meeting <https://zoom.us/signup>)

Protests across Australia

No to AUKUS, No to Nuclear Subs, No to War

Weekend of 10-12th December

Events listed below

PERTH:

Noongar/Perth: **Friday, 10th December.** The **anti-Aukus** rally is 4.30pm-6.30pm in Qantas Gardens, cnr. Hay and William Streets, Perth. Speakers to be Jordon Steele-John; Sam Wainwright; Jo Vallentine; K-A Garlick; Mia Pepper; Elizabeth Hulm.



ADELAIDE:

Kaurna/Adelaide: **Saturday 11th December**, 2pm. on steps of Parliament House.

The theme is No AUKUS, No Nuke Subs, No War.

Speakers include: Stephen Darley (IPAN) and Jim Green (FOE)



MELBOURNE:

Naarm/Melbourne, **Human Rights Not Another Military Pact**
Human Rights Day, **Friday evening, 10th December, 5.15 pm,**
State Library, 328 Swanston Street. Speakers: Scott Ludlam, Liz
Turner,
Jacob Grech, MC Tom Ballard
Live music from Combat Wombat
Incl launch of WikLeaks Times Newspaper & March to
Park Hotel to join the Refugee Vigil.
Event link: <https://fb.me/e/1aomgZngY>

Naarm/Melbourne, **Rally: No AUKUS,-No War- No Nuclear
Submarines: Saturday 11th December, 1pm, State Library 328**

Swanston street; Speakers include Scott Ludlum (former Greens Senator) and Colin Long (VTHC's Just Transition Organiser), Jenny Ground (Medical Association for Prevention of War), and other peace and community organisations' representatives.

Event link: <https://fb.me/e/3gSqywPkP>

RALLY
NO AUKUS - NO WAR
NO NUCLEAR SUBMARINES

Date: Saturday, Dec. 11, 1 pm
Location: State Library Victoria



No Australian Involvement in US led wars

Organised by No AUKUS Coalition
Victoria and supporting organisations.
For more information contact:
noaukusvic@gmail.com
or scan the QR code below.




HOBART: Friday, 10th December, 12.30 pm -2 pm, Mathers House, Mathers Lane, Hobart organised by WILF Tasmania: Human Rights Day and Action Against AUKUS. A Call for action on

Climate Change and against Australian militarisation. All welcome: RSVP: by Wed 8th December to harrietbinet@gmail.com or 0427 841760

CANBERRA:

Ngunnawal/Canberra, **Friday, 10th December**, 5.30pm Garema Place Civic Centre, Speakers: Bishop George Browning, Dr Sue Wareham (MAPW), Dr Lachlan Clohesy (ACT Sec NTEU), Cat Sparks, author and environmental activist, and Tim Hollo, Director, Green Institute.



**NO AUKUS
NO nuclear subs
NO war with China**

Canberra Coalition for a Nuclear Free and Independent Australia

R A L L Y

**5:30 Friday
10th Dec
Garema Place
Canberra City**

The government's announcement of AUKUS, a new military pact with the US and the UK, along with nuclear submarines for Australia, has greatly increased tensions with China. These moves are provocative and dangerous. The war which our leaders are preparing for would be catastrophic. It must not occur.

Prime Minister Morrison has consulted with the US and the UK, but not the Australian People. **WE MUST SPEAK OUT!**

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
George Browning,
former Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn
Cat Sparks, author
Dr. Lachlan Clohesy, NTEU
Tim Hollo, The Green Institute
Sue Wareham, Medical Association for Prevention of War

Inquiries: Kathryn Kelly 0417 269 984, or Sue Wareham 0407 924 152

WOOLLONGONG:

Dharawal Nation/Woollongong, **Thursday, 9th December**, 6.30pm,
The Servo, 6-8 Wentworth St Port Kembla: Gong Commune, Details
Nick on 0411 234 866 Event link: <https://fb.me/e/VqkOm7lw>



SYDNEY:

Gadigal/Sydney, **Saturday, 11th December**, 12 noon, Town Hall
Square followed by march to Belmore Park. Speakers
include: Greens Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Warren Smith (MUA) and
Natasha Abhayawickrama from Schools Strike 4 Climate.

Event link: <https://m.facebook.com/events/166229042297271>



BRISBANE:

Meanjin/Brisbane, **Friday, 10th December**, 4pm, Reddacliff Place:

Speakers: Dr Peter Catt MC, Rhonda Kelly. First Nations perspective. Dr Marianne Hanson. ICAN. Binil Kattiparambil. Kristin Perissonotto. ETU. Rod Welford. Griffith University. Event link:

<https://fb.me/e/1f3TuPyJX>

NO AUKUS
NO Nuclear Submarines
NO to war

PUBLIC RALLY

Friday December 10 4pm
Reddacliff Place, Brisbane



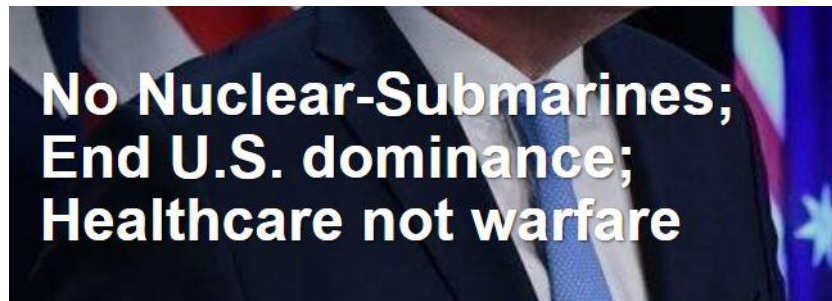
MC Peter Catt - Dean, St John's Cathedral
Rhonda Kelly - First Nations perspective
Rod Welford - Griffith Uni
Marianne Hanson - ICAN
Kristin Perissinotto - Media Officer ETU
Binil Kattiparambil - Islamic Council Qld.
Be inspired with the Combined Unions Choir

For more information: ipan.australia@gmail.com or scan the QR code below
or contact Ross Gwyther 0408 782 983

NATIONAL
WEEKEND
OF ACTION
AGAINST AUKUS

9-12 OF DECEMBER, 2021

Access this video [HERE](#)



You can make your views heard

[Here](#) is a letter that can be sent to your MP
You put in your post code and it automatically addresses the
email to your Federal MP.



**Final Report and recommendations based on
the 281 submissions to the IPAN Inquiry will be**

released during the first sitting of Parliament in February 2022

An interim report has been released by Kellie Tranter, Chair of the Inquiry panel .

Read Interim Report [HERE](#)



WE NEED YOUR HELP: Dutton is trying to force through a new agreement on nuclear submarines

With little warning, the Minister for Defence Peter Dutton yesterday announced a new agreement with the US and UK that will take Australia one step closer to having nuclear submarines and is currently rushing this through Parliament. The Exchange of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information Agreement allows the UK and the US to share nuclear submarine technology with another country for the first...

READ FULL UPDATE [HERE](#)

IPAN's Submission to Joint Standing

Committee on

Treaties

regarding the

**'Exchange of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information Agreement
(ENNPIA)'**

Extracts:

The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) opposes this Agreement on the following grounds:

1. Such an important Agreement has been thrust on Parliament and the people of Australia with totally inadequate time for proper public and parliamentary consideration to be given to the implications of the Agreement. Four days to respond to such a critical agreement is an extremely inadequate response time.
2. Australian governments and people have for many years expressed ambitions for a world free of nuclear weapons.....
The best way for Australia to move forward in the direction of a world free of nuclear weapons would be signing and ratifying and then subsequently adhering to the TPNW. This Exchange Agreement would be completely at variance with the spirit of the TPNW.
3. This Exchange Agreement is a step towards locking in place the decision for Australia to acquire nuclear powered

submarines when the government has advised that there will be an 18 month period to consider the way forward on new submarine acquisitions.

4. Building, operating and supporting (maintenance) of nuclear propelled submarines may lead to the establishment of a nuclear industry in Australia with the handling and danger issues associated with highly enriched, weapons-grade uranium and the disposal of associated radioactive waste. IPAN along with a large number of Australians oppose the development of a nuclear industry and nuclear reactors in Australia because of the dangers to the community which such an industry poses..... IPAN strongly supports keeping Australia nuclear free and indeed the Pacific area, of which we are a part, also nuclear-free.
5. There is also a high level of community concern in relation to AUKUS, reflected in a national petition which received over 24,000 signatures - No Nuclear-Submarines; End U.S. dominance; Healthcare not warfare
<https://www.change.org/p/the-australian-government-no-nuclear-submarines-end-u-s-dominance-healthcare-not-warfare>
6. IPAN urges that this Exchange Agreement not be ratified by Parliament and that the 18-month period for consideration of the path forward in submarine acquisition be honoured before any such Agreement is given consideration, to allow proper democratic debate in the public and parliamentary domains.

Read

complete

submission

[HERE](#)



Keating says Taiwan is “not a vital Australian interest” and Australia should not be involved in military engagement over Taiwan.

The first point is, Taiwan is not a vital Australian interest, let me repeat that, Taiwan is not a vital Australian interest. We have no alliance with Taipei, none. There is no document you can find. We do not recognise it as a sovereign state right? And under Anzus, Anzus commits us under an attack on US forces but not by US forces. We are committed under Anzus to an attack on US forces but not an attack by US forces which means Australia should not be drawn in my view into a military engagement over Taiwan, US sponsored or otherwise. As Xi Jinping said otherwise recently, we will try to resolve this harmoniously. He says the only time China attacks or gets involved with Taiwan is if

the Americans and Taiwanese try to declare a change of status of Taiwan, and if it stays as is, then things will be harmonious.

Nikkei Asia- November 22, 2021

Xi says China ready to sign ASEAN's nuclear arms-free zone treaty

by SHOTARO TANI, Nikkei staff writer

Apparent response to AUKUS pact is likely to turn up heat on Australia

JAKARTA -- Chinese leader Xi Jinping said Monday that Beijing was ready to sign a Southeast Asia nuclear weapon-free treaty, in an apparent response to the new AUKUS defense pact between Australia, the U.K. and the U.S.

Read complete article [HERE](#)

With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations: Nov 26 2021

Australia diplomacy: how to lose friends and influence no one

by Alison Broinowski

Australia's diplomatic missteps and lack of independence in foreign affairs and defence have brought a damaging loss of international

trust.

For more than two decades Australia has needlessly made enemies and carelessly lost friends. Now, the more bipartisan our foreign and defence policies become, the more this is happening.

READ ON



"Lightning update" to share a few recent campaign highlights.

The new governing coalition of Germany has committed to attend the first meeting of states parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as an observer on 22-24 March 2022. It is the second NATO state, after Norway, and first nuclear-hosting country to do so.

This is fantastic news, which should encourage the Australian government to commit to attend, and Labor to be represented at the meeting in Vienna. [Re-tweet the good news](#)

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“Over 1,000 IPAN members, supporters and community have their say”

**A Snapshot Report on People’s Inquiry Questionnaire,
November, 2021**

The nine-item questionnaire was distributed to IPAN members, their broader support base and other community members, asking their views on the U.S. Alliance, Australia’s involvement in U.S. led wars and decisions about Australia going to war. What the survey data found.

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With acknowledgement to The Saturday Paper

How fear of abandonment informs Australia’s defence strategy

by Brian Toohey

Australia was last invaded in 1788. The British dispossessed the original owners and defeated protracted resistance. No other country has since attempted military takeover. In Japan’s case, most professional historians accept it never planned to invade Australia in

World War II because it was too difficult.

Australia's defence priorities have oscillated between protecting the country from invasion and joining foreign allies abroad in the hope of future support. Scott Morrison has opted for the latter, following a map drawn up by John Howard.

Read complete article [HERE](#)

17th November, 2021

Australians for War Powers Reform opposes AUKUS

On September 15 2021, with no public consultation, Australia entered into a trilateral security arrangement with Britain and the United States, known as the AUKUS Partnership. This is expected to become a Treaty in 2022.....

Australians for War Powers Reform sees the public announcement of AUKUS as a smokescreen for other undertakings between Australia and the United States, the details of which are vague but which have major implications for Australia's security and Independence. Australia said the United States had requested increased use of Australian defence facilities. The US would like to base more bomber and escort aircraft in the north of Australia, presumably at Tindale. The US wants to increase the number of marines deployed in Darwin, which would see numbers rise to around 6,000. The US wants greater home porting of its vessels in Darwin and Fremantle, including nuclear-powered and armed submarines....

AUKUS will be detrimental to national security. The ADF will lose its capacity to act independently. Australians for War Power Reform believes these arrangements should not come into force, and that AUKUS should not become a Treaty.

Read complete statement [HERE](#)



Remembrance day/Armistice Day, 11th November, 2021 , Martins Place
Sydney

A message from Marrickville peace group members

Honor the war dead by ENDING WAR



With acknowledgement to Sydney Criminal Lawyers Weekly Run-
down

Prime Time for a Federal Bill of Rights: **NSWCCL's Pauline Wright on Protecting** **Freedoms**

by Paul Gregoire

Around 90 national security bills have been passed at the federal level since the 2001 twin towers attacks in New York. Draconian in their reach, these laws are said to target terrorists, however they actually encroach upon the rights and liberties of all citizens and residents. The latest such legislation is the Identify and Disrupt Bill: another Peter

Dutton special.
It established a three-tiered warrant system
Agents can gain access to a device and “add, copy, delete or alter data”. They can gather information from an online account for investigative purposes and even lock its owner out. And these laws exemplify how measures that appear to be aimed solely at serious criminals can easily affect us all. that empowers the AFP and the Australian Crime Intelligence Commission to hack into personal online accounts, and take them over.

Read complete article [HERE](#)



PAX CHRISTI VIC.

invites you to

Where does Australia's Security Lie?

A one-day online Conference on Australia's Perception of Security
in a Militarising Asia Pacific Region

February 19th 2022



Details of the Pax Christi conference [HERE](#)



Coming Events

Woollongong: Thursday, 9th December, 6.30pm, 6-8 Wentworth St
Port Kembla: No AUKUS

Canberra: Friday, 10th December, 5.30 pm: No AUKUS: Garema Place Civic Centre, Speakers: Bishop George Browning, Dr Sue Wareham (MAPW), Dr Lachlan Clohesy (ACT Sec NTEU), Cat Sparks, author and environmental activist, and Tim Hollo, Director, Green Institute.

Hobart: Friday, 10th December, 12.30pm - 2 pm. Mathers House, Mathers Lane organised by WILD Tasmania: Human Rights Day and Action against AUKUS

Brisbane: Friday, 10th December, 4pm, Reddacliff Place: No

AUKUS: Speakers: Dr Peter Catt MC.Rhonda Kelly First Nations, perspective.Dr Marianne Hanson ICAN.Binil Kattiparambil.Kristin Perissonotto ETU.Rod Welford Griffith University

Melbourne: Friday evening, 10th December, 5.15pm, State Library, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne. Human Rights not another Military Pact

Melbourne: Saturday, 11th December, 1 pm, State Library, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne: No AUKUS, NO War, No Nuclear submarines

Sydney: December 11th, 12 noon Sydney Town Hall: Sydney protest: No nuclear subs, no AUKUS Pact- No war on China

**Perth: Friday,10th December: No Nuclear Submarines, No involvement in U.S. wars Details:
Email:eileenwhitehead24@gmail.com**

Adelaide: Saturday,11th December, 2 pm on steps of Parliament House: No AUKUS, No Nuke Subs, No War

Melbourne: Pax Christi Vic Conference: Where does Australia's Security Lie? 19th February, 2021

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.

In 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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