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Media at the time referred to it as 'a symbol of the enduring friendship between Australia and the United States of America'. (Photo: Supplied.) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Declassified Australia, 9th March,2023 ****MAJORITY OPPOSE U.S. WAR ON CHINA**** **The majority of Australians prefer a policy of neutrality and oppose joining US wars under the ANZUS alliance, polling shows.**  by [Peter Cronau](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=53d314e054&e=8ef5b7f4e3)    A majority of Australians want Australia to adopt a policy of neutrality when it comes to considering a US war against China, according to the [latest polling](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=921e4be529&e=8ef5b7f4e3) by the Lowy Institute think tank.  The poll, conducted in 2022, found 51% of Australians said they’d prefer Australia to remain ‘neutral’ in any US military conflict with China over Taiwan, down from 57% in 2020. [Fig: 1]  This runs so contrary to mainstream media representations of such polling that it’s worth stating again: The majority of Australians (51%) say they want Australia to maintain ‘neutrality’ in any US military conflict with China over Taiwan.  This remarkable finding reinforces [earlier polling](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ed4604f486&e=8ef5b7f4e3) by the Lowy Institute that found most Australians, while happy to support our military involvement in humanitarian interventions or peacekeeping, do not want the country to ‘support US military action’ in a war against China – and the number of Australians saying this is [increasing](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=db8d67f3c0&e=8ef5b7f4e3) each year polled (2020 63%, up from 2013 60%). [Fig: 2]  [READ COMPLETE ARTICLE](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=d96b368a38&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Obtain a copy of the IPAN People's Inquiry Report [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b09c5b3d55&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **An opportunity to campaign for peace & independence through IPAN** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Join and help in an IPAN Working Group – there is a lot to be done **IPAN Working Groups:** **Australian Anti-AUKUS Coalition:** The Australian Anti-AUKUS Coalition (AAAC) is a diverse coalition of groups from around Australia, including IPAN, with its own website. To get involved with AAAC, [visit the website antiaukuscoalition.org here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=050c9dee8b&e=8ef5b7f4e3) For background information, including statement and press releases protesting AUKUS and nuclear submarines from a wide cross section of organisations in Australia, as well as some detailed background articles on these issues, See the [NoAUKUS no nuclear submarines page here.](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=fe79f77198&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **End the Force Posture Agreement:** Our task is to raise the awareness of the US Force Posture Agreement which opens the gate to United States militarisation of Northern Australia and provides the entry “permit” for US warships and submarines to our ports and for their fighters and bombers to land, be stationed and refuelled at our airfields. It also enables the US to establish fuel, maintenance and munitions stores in Australia and these could include nuclear weapons. The working group will help initiate a campaign to have this Force Posture Agreement terminated. **Convenor: Bevan Ramsden, Email:** [Bevanram1960@gmail.com](mailto:Bevanram1960@gmail.com) **See** [Force Posture Agreement (FPA) Working group webpage](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8f46d86058&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **The Cost of War** A campaign to limit military spending to Australia’s genuine defence needs – and to use the $400 billion aimed at integrating the Australian military into US war fighting for useful social needs instead **Convenor:   Shirley Winton,  Email:** [shirleywinton9@gmail.com](mailto:shirleywinton9@gmail.com) **see** [The Cost of War working group page here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=81edd09102&e=8ef5b7f4e3)          **Union Group-Peace & Justice are Union Business** If you are a member of one of the unions affiliated with IPAN, or would like to spread the word about IPAN in your union, this working group is for you.   We have 15 unions already affiliated with IPAN. **Convenors: Ross Gwyther email** [rgwyther@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rgwyther@optusnet.com.au) **and  Shirley Winton**  **Email:** [shirleywinton9@gmail.com](mailto:shirleywinton9@gmail.com) **see the** [Peace and Justice are Union Business working group page here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4ea48c8188&e=8ef5b7f4e3)**.**  **Regional Peace Initiatives and Network** Addressing the military build up in  the Asia Pacific Region, AUKUS and major military exercises –  IPAN aims to establish links and cooperation with people in the region to build a Regional Peace Alliance.   We have already established  a Pacific Peace Network of peace activists across the region. **Convenor:   Annette Brownlie,   Email:** [annettebrownlie@g](mailto:annettebrownlie@optusnet.com.au)**mail.com see the** [Regional Peace initiatives and network here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5faab71727&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **Utilising the Inquiry Report** Promoting and Utilising the IPAN People’s Inquiry Report: This Working Group supports IPAN’s work in maximising opportunities to distribute and promote the IPAN People’s Inquiry Report across the country. This includes developing and coordinating media and other promotional opportunities; assisting in obtaining volunteers to take the report to Federal MPs and volunteers to present the report findings to community, faith and political groups and talking circles in the community. **Convenor:   Jonathan Pilbrow;    Email:** [ipan.alicesprings@gmail.com](mailto:ipan.alicesprings@gmail.com) **see the** [Utilising the IPAN Inquiry working group here](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7f97edaebf&e=8ef5b7f4e3)**.**  **Alternative Defence Policy for Australia** Our task is to continue to stimulate public discussion on alternative defence policies for an independent Australia which  would equip and confine the ADF to defence of territorial Australia only including its approach waters and seek to firm up on an appropriate policy. **Convenor:  Derek Burke, Email:**[der\_burke@yahoo.com.au](mailto:der_burke@yahoo.com.au)[Alternative Defence Policy for Australia working group](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c9b105e77d&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **All working group and join up details:** [HERE](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=887e66b743&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing poster, drawing, illustration, creativity  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Did you miss the National IPAN FORUM?**  **Say No to the USA - Do Away with the FPA!** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | You can view this IPAN Forum [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=368fd540e2&e=8ef5b7f4e3) and view and hear Richard Tanter and Kellie Tranter's presentations.  Here is an excerpt from Kellie Tranter's presentation at the forum:  "We’re functionally dependent on the United States through interoperability and interchangeability and in the technological aspects of modern warfare. The FPA provides an international legally-recognisable basis for the US presence and its use of facilities here to conduct its war with Australian support.  The FPA undermines Australia’s security, particularly with regard to the capacity to make independent decisions about war avoidance and war fighting. It imposes an obligation on Australia to provide Australian bases and logistical support so the US can conduct war with which Australia might disagree.  FPA facilitates a massive arms build up in Australia because it provides for the prepositioning of materiel under the control and for the exclusive use of United States Forces, without specifying types or quantities, and gives the US exclusive use and control over the areas it occupies. Under the FPA it’s not inconceivable that nuclear weapons could be prepositioned on vessels, aircrafts or on land, without the knowledge of the Australian public. The US simply tells the Department of Defence what’s coming, and if there’s no timely objection it comes." Read her complete speech [HERE](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=743b3a211b&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  If you wish to join the IPAN FPA working group campaigning to end the FPA, [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7b365983a0&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Neutrality**  51% of Australians support Australia being neutral if a war breaks out between the United States and China   This was the finding of a Lowy Institute poll taken recently in answer to the question: "In the event of a military conflict between China and the United States please say which  of the following statements comes closest to your own personal view: 1. Australia should remain neutral (51%) 2. Australia should support the US (46%) 3.Australia should support China (3%) **Of those supporting Australian neutrality, the highest support was from young people.** 18-29 age group (63%) 30-44 age group (59%) 45-60 age group (46%) 60+ age group (40%)  IPAN has a working group addressing an Alternative Defence Policy for an Independent Australia and "**armed neutrality**" is one of its considerations. If you would like to join this IPAN working group, [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=bda0abe4f5&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to the New Daily, 26 May, 2023 How should Australia defend itself in the 21st century? Silencing the drums and dogs of war by retired Australian Army Major General Michael G Smith AO.   Extracts: "This paper addresses the most significant issue facing the Australian people since the Second World War, namely our future national security, our independence, our sovereignty, our prosperity and, ultimately, our survival....  I want Australia to show its independence as a democratic middle power. I want us to help rekindle the ideals of the United Nations Charter which were forged on the bodies of 80 million casualties. I want us to again take a leading role in matters of conflict prevention, peacekeeping and peacebuilding, with priority given to our immediate region and doing all we can to ensure our northern region remains a nuclear free and peaceful zone, with its main focus on economic development and mitigating environmental disasters. And I want us to have a strong and independent Defence Force to help us achieve these vital interests."  Read complete paper [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=faf4f27d80&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A close up of a map  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | (Editor: This authoritative article by John Lander helps our understanding of the China-Taiwan relationship free of the hysteria and anti-China propaganda published by the western press)  With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, 23rd May, 2023 ****The debate about ‘Independence for Taiwan’**** by John Lander  I participated in the drafting and negotiation of the document of recognition of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) and was personally responsible for some of the practical aspects of dismantling the diplomatic representation of Republic of China (ROC – Taiwan) in Canberra. It might be helpful, therefore, if I offered some clarification regarding the One China Policy and the status of Taiwan.  The status of Taiwan as a province of China was not established by agreement on recognition of the PRC by the USA in 1979. The formulation used was identical to that which we had thrashed out in negotiation with the PRC seven years earlier, under which Australia agreed to the One China Policy.  For centuries Taiwan had been a province of China, before it was captured by Japan in WWII. It was formally and legally restored to the sovereignty of China (Republic of China – ROC) under the Cairo and Potsdam Declarations after the defeat of Japan (1945).  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=be502b0188&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Pacific Peace Network**  **CONFERENCE and SPEAKING TOUR**  Keynote Speakers from Islands heavily occupied by US military bases:  **Monaeka Flores**, Guahan (Guam)  **Shinako Oyakawa**, Ryukyn (Okinawa)  **Australian speakers TBA**  **Conference**: Saturday 29th July, 8am to 3.30pm at Queensland Council of Unions, Brisbane  **Speaking Tour**: Brisbane (28-30 July), Sydney (31st July), Canberra (1-2 August), Darwin (3-4 August) including meeting First Australians, politicians, faith leaders and pacific communities.  **Contact**: [ipan.australia@gmail.com](mailto:ipan.australia@gmail.com)  **Registration**: <https://wwwtrybooking.com/CIQEY>  Renewing our solidarity for a nuclear-free Independent Peaceful Pacific. | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Details of Pacific Peace Network Conference and Tour | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Petition To: Legislators in Australia, United States, United Kingdom and Talisman Sabre participating countries CANCEL AUSTRALIAN TALISMAN SABRE war games with 30,000 military personnel & also CANCEL AUKUSPetition Text ‘’CANCEL TALISMAN SABRE AND AUKUS’’ campaign calls for the termination of the massive land exercises involving 30,000 US & Australian personnel in Australia from July 22 through August 4, 2023; and the cancellation of the recently signed Australia, United Kingdom and United States security partnership (AUKUS). These are provocative war preparations against China and destroy the planetary environment which is already threatened by climate change. [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=64cf2602f6&e=8ef5b7f4e3)              [**SIGN HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=0064dccdd0&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Opposition to AUKUS and the acquisition of nuclear submarines growing rapidly and more broadly** | | | |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Australia Institute Media Release- 18th May,2023 ****Labor, Greens & Defence Experts call for AUKUS Parliamentary Inquiry**** A range of high-profile politicians, former military leaders and academic experts have signed an open letter calling for a Parliamentary Inquiry into the AUKUS nuclear-powered submarine deal, appearing in full-page ads today in the Australian Financial Review.  The letter is signed by Senior Former Defence personnel, a former Labor Premier, two former Labor frontbenchers, and other politicians and high-profile individuals.  Experts warn that significant questions about AUKUS deal remain unanswered and require parliamentary scrutiny in the national interest.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=d54f0d50ae&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations , May 24, 2023 ****An Open Letter to the Australian Government from 120 concerned scholars regarding the AUKUS Agreement**** By Concerned Academics and Experts  We the undersigned are scholars of the humanities and social sciences and other disciplines with expertise in the following issues. We write this open letter to express our concerns regarding the Australia, United Kingdom, United States (AUKUS) trilateral security agreement. Specifically, our concerns relate to pillar one of the agreement, the joint development with the US and the UK of a nuclear-powered submarine (SSN) capability for Australia.  The underlying strategic rationale behind the AUKUS decision has not been adequately explained to the Australian public. Even if it is argued that the SSNs may provide certain capability advantages, the government has not made clear how AUKUS will translate into a safer Australia.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8c41feaf5f&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Labor against war**  Some ALP branches and members have joined together to oppose AUKUS and the nuclear submarines to campaign as "Labor against war". For details:  Twitter: @LabAgainstWar  Facebook: Facebook.com/LabAgainstWar  Email: [laboragainstwar@gmail.com](mailto:laboragainstwar@gmail.com) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Queensland State ALP Conference takes stand against AUKUS & nuclear submarines**  **The Queensland State Conference of the ALP  voted DOWN  (failed to pass) the following motion:**   "The Conference congratulates the Albanese Government on investing in the AUKUS agreement. An agreement that will create jobs for the country, establish and retain a new industry being nuclear science and secure our nation in the future"    The ETU got a motion UP and passed at the Queensland State ALP Conference against submarines in QLD and nuclear power generally in civil and military sectors. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Maritime Union of Australia – Victorian Branch to campaign against AUKUS  AUKUS Resolution 31 May 2023** At the stop work meeting of the Victorian Branch of the Maritime Union of Australia, on Tuesday 30 May 2023, the following resolution was unanimously passed; “This meeting resolves to campaign against the Australia, United Kingdom, United States (AUKUS) trilateral security agreement starting with the first pillar of the agreement, the joint development with the US and the UK of a nuclear-powered submarine (SSN) capability for Australia.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=80f809c1ff&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Black text on a white background  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **AUKUS and Australia’s Nuclear Landscape: May 2023**   **Briefing Purpose**: To provide an update on key strategic issues related to the recent AUKUS announcement, in particular:   * increased domestic pressure from proponents for domestic nuclear power; * elevated threats around intermediate and high level radioactive waste; * moves to repeal federal prohibitions on nuclear activities and facilities; and * stalling Australia’s signing of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (the ICAN inspired Nuclear Ban Treaty).   [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8cefebb437&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Inner City Teachers Association opposes Nuclear Submarines**  The ICTA opposes the proposal, by the Federal Government, to spend $368 billion over the next 30 years to build a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines in Australia. ICTA rejects the Federal Government's justification that this decision is on the basis of 'national security' and a job creation scheme........  **Action  Motion** : \* The ICTA executive decide on a date (when Federal parliament is not sitting) to send a delegation to meet PM Anthony Albanese to discuss with him our opposition to the AUKUS submarine deal \* If PM Anthony Albanese either refuses to meet with us OR does not take our points seriously, the ICTA executive will organise and advertise a rally to be held outside of PM Anthony Albanese's office \* That this date be advertised to ICTA memberships, encouraging them to attend \* That the communications officer of ICTA informs the media of this rally. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Organisational activities** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Adelaide Protest 17th May, 2023 | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | About 20 people attended the rally organised by No Nuclear Subs SA. As the attendees arrived they were greeted with slogans such as “No war, no AUKUS, no nuclear sub”, “jobs yes, war no”, “war crimes start here”. When Christopher Pyne arrived he was enthusiastically heckled. Defence Minister Marles was nowhere to be seen, he was perhaps escorted in through a side entrance. As the suits poured in, looking very respectable, one could not but help conjur an image in one’s mind of piranhas preparing to feast on profits derived from the art of killing. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | IPAN WA vigil for Julian Assange | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This month's IPAN peace vigil in the CBD, Perth, supported by Stop AUKUS WA was held to coincide with the Free Julian Assange 24th May call out.  **Stella Assange speaks out in Australia: View** [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1d3eab8c98&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people walking with signs  Description automatically generated with low confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Climate Activists March Against AUKUS Submarine Deal  Climate activists have marched through Fremantle demanding the government revoke its plans for nuclear submarines to be stationed off WA's coast. View Channel 10's coverage [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1616e80230&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person and person playing instruments  Description automatically generated with low confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Just Peace’s 5th Anita Reed Peace Concert  Every year, come April or May, Just Peace holds its annual peace concert and fundraiser. This concert follows the tradition established by Anita Reed, singer, and poet, and sorely missed member of our group. This concert was in part designed to raise funds – through UNICEF – for the children of Syria whose lives were placed in great jeopardy after the earthquake in February 2023. So, on the 21st May 2023, concert-goers poured into the Memorial Hall of the Coorparoo School of Arts in Brisbane and eagerly waited for music to begin. The programme promised – and delivered - much.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=150187ad5f&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Hundreds of people staged a rally in Sydney on 24th May to demand the release of the detained Wikileaks founder #JulianAssange!  IPAN's Chairperson, Annette Brownie's interview [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=0e1c6ef0b8&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing text, screenshot, font, design  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Public Forum- No to Nuclear Submarines** Friday 23rd June, 6pm at Trade Hall, Lygon St Carlton Organised by the No AUKUS Coalition Vic. For more information call 0417 456 001 or 0438 547 723 or email: [noaukusvic@gmail.com](mailto:noaukusvic@gmail.com) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A qr code on a white background  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | **Book your free ticket here** | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing text, font, graphics, logo  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | **Support nuclear survivors' delegation to Parliament** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In a couple of weeks, a very special delegation will travel to Parliament House in Canberra. They will be united by a devastating commonality; this delegation will be the survivors and descendants of people affected by nuclear testing in this country.  As nuclear survivors, they will share their expertise and personal stories with media and key decision-makers, and speak at an event hosted by Parliamentary Friends of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.  **I write today to ask you to** [donate to ICAN Australia](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=eaa6329962&e=8ef5b7f4e3) **to enable this important delegation to be heard in Canberra.** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Articles, events and statements** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Jacobin,  ****Industrial Workers in Australia Are Leading the Fight Against War**** An interview with Arthur Rorris (Secretary of the South Coast Labour Council in NSW)  Workers in an industrial trading port in Australia are now at the forefront of the fight against war with China, demanding that jobs and environmental protections take precedence over militarism.  Quote:,"A journalist asked us, “What happens if the government keeps going?” We said they’ll have to fight Port Kembla before they even get to China. And we mean it. The mood is that strong down here — we are not going to let this happen."  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=2708db2159&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A submarine in the water  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | There will be a screening of David Bradbury's acclaimed film," The Road to War" at the Dendy Cinema, 261-263 King St., Newtown (Sydney) on Sunday 16th July at 2.30pm For Booking tickets: [https://www.trybooking.com/CIYBC](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=dee031bf74&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations, 31st May,2023 ****Mainstream media need to focus on peace**** By [Sue Wareham](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b003d15789&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  The fact that Australia is sleepwalking towards a catastrophic war against China has received very welcome and responsible coverage in Pearls and Irritations and other non-mainstream media. The head-in-the-sand stance adopted by much of the mainstream media stands in stark contrast. The most recent example of the latter was a 15-page supplement in The Canberra Times (CT) on 17 May – ‘Our Next Steps’, on the Defence Strategic Review. It was a most shameful collection of war-mongering articles and images.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=03638c2612&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | IPAN statement on the Ukraine war – May 2023 From the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, IPAN has consistently opposed the invasion of Ukraine. ([https://ipan.org.au/no-war-ipan-calls-for-an-immediate-ceasefire-and-negotiations-in-ukraine-26-february-2022/](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b3c88f3ced&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  IPAN supports UN calls for an immediate ceasefire by all parties and a de-escalation of the conflict.  Genuine negotiations must take place, leading to a peaceful solution to the present crisis.  **IPAN categorically opposes:**   * wars of aggression * foreign military occupations and incursions on sovereign countries, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine * political and military interference by foreign powers in the internal affairs of countries * deliberate acts of military and political provocations leading to military conflicts and war * economic sanctions that impose severe hardship on the lives of ordinary people.   [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b76d8cf15d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A picture containing poster, graphic design, graphics, art  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | **Annual Radiothon Donate to Support 3CR Stay Tuned Stay Radical** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 3CR’s annual Radiothon runs throughout June - their theme this year is ‘Stay Tuned, Stay Radical’. The station needs your help to ‘Stay Radical’ and provide a vital platform for the issues that get left behind, and the voices that get silenced. 3CR needs the community to 'Stay Tuned' to diverse voices and alternative perspectives in order to create meaningful social change. Please help the station to build and expand this critical media outlet, and encourage others to ‘Stay Tuned, Stay Radical’. Make a donation to 3CR’s 2023 Radiothon today. Any amount makes a big difference, and all donations over $2 are tax deductible. To donate go to [www.3cr.org.au/donate](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b7b12ed256&e=8ef5b7f4e3) or call 03 9419 8377. Artwork by [Nicky Minus](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=945032f753&e=8ef5b7f4e3). | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Defence Act Amendment would exempt Nuclear power plants in nuclear subs from Australian radiation and environmental protection Acts**  **Submission to Senate Inquiry into** **Defence Legislation Amendment (Naval Nuclear Propulsion) Bill 2023**  by **Sylvia Hale** (Co-Convenor of Green's Anti-Aukus Action Committee)  In his second reading speech of 9 May 2023, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles advanced a number of reasons for supporting legislation that, by way of amendments to both the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998 and The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999, would allow Australia to take “the first legislative step in support of Australia’s acquisition of conventionally armed nuclear-powered submarines.”    Currently both Acts prohibit declarations and actions relating to the construction, installation and operation of the following facilities:  (a)  a nuclear fuel fabrication plant;  (b)  a nuclear power plant;  (c)  an enrichment plant;  (d)  a reprocessing facility.    The effect of the proposed amendments to both Acts would be to make no changes to the list of prohibited facilities with one exception with regard to a nuclear power plant, which would be permissible if it were “a naval nuclear propulsion plant related to use in a conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine”.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e38d365c52&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A drawing of a submarine  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations, 23 May,2023 ****What have the Chinese ever done to you?**** By **John Quelch**  So, you want to go to war with the Americans, Aussie? What have the Chinese ever done to you? **Have you forgotten?** They were our willing ally during WW1 and 2 Not our enemy! Bravely supporting Australian prisoners of war on the Burma Railway Keeping many from starvation & death What have the Chinese ever done to you Aussie? That you hate them so much you want to see them destroyed **Have you forgotten?** Like us Aussies, they too, fought the Japanese. But, for more than a decade longer! From 1932 till ’47, all alone, battling that rapacious foe Keeping millions of Japanese soldiers locked away from the Pacific front Protecting many U.S. and Aussie soldiers from a certain death. What have the Chinese ever done to you Aussie? That you want to see them destroyed in yet another US war of aggression? **Have you forgotten?** For decades now, Chinese economic growth has made Australia’s economy strong. It’s put food on our table, money in our wallets That’s what the Chinese have done for you, Aussie! It’s well past time, we buried that old fear bogey, the ‘Yellow Peril’. An ancient racist devil based on assumed white superiority It’s time to consign this demonic wraith to the dustbin of history A war on China will certainly be our ruination, Aussie Maybe, even, an extinction event for us all Now wouldn’t that be a waste? If humanity is to survive Time now, to evolve away from war Towards human understanding and forgiveness Mutual prosperity and peace. | | | |
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