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[**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=53a765e6a2&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Listen to Kathryn Kelly on the Gaza situation on 8CCC radio  [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=bebd6be0a0&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The Australian government refused to support a United Nations Resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. This is shameful and must be reversed** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A crying child with a bruise  Description automatically generated with medium confidence | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | For the sake of all the children and all non-combatants, this war in Gaza must be stopped | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **We must do something.** **Here is what IPAN suggests as one action we can take** **Send a letter to your MP - template**[**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5cdeba7b23&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN's e-petition to Parliament calling for termination of the Force Posture Agreement reaches 2,900 signatures**  Let's make it 3,000  It is open until 15th November.  [**Sign Here**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9d39b03bdd&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **or go to QR Code below**  The e-petition calls for termination of the US-Australia Force Posture Agreement  This sell out by successive governments enables **US militarisation of Australia in preparation for war against China**  Details [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=59e09753e1&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | United States' B52 bomber arrives in Darwin: Up to six to be stationed at RAAF Tindal.. B52's are capable of carrying nuclear bombs. They are stationed under the Force Posture Agreement. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, 27th October,2023 ****Taking a stand for Peace**** By [Bevan Ramsden](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=f522e97790&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) has produced a petition opposing the Force Posture Agreement which is enabling US militarisation of Australia in preparation for the US to support/launch war from the Australian continent against China. The e-petition to parliament is an instrument for peace calling for the termination of the Force Posture Agreement.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8ff18cfb4f&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A sign on a fence  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | **Residents say no to construction of accommodation for workers extending RAAF Tindal aircraft runway for US Bombers** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The construction of a 256 bed facility is proposed close to RAAF Base Tindal for construction workers extending the aircraft runway and providing parking and maintenance accommodation for US military aircrafts including B52 bombers some of which are capable of carrying nuclear weapons. This runway extension is facilitated by the US-Australia Force Posture Agreement. Residents are opposing the proposal because it will have a disastrous impact on their area.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=002febbdb7&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australia-wide Activities** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **PALESTINE - GAZA PROTESTS** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Defence Minister Richard Marles’ office stormed by pro-Palestine protesters  by Shannon Molloy, 2.30pm, 1st Nov | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Several people sitting on the floor with signs  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Police have begun removing protesters who stormed the electorate office of Defence Minister Richard Marles and refused to leave.  The group, which describes itself as being anti-Zionist, entered the building on Brougham Street in Geelong in Victoria at about 10am.  Several demonstrators chained themselves by their necks in the reception area using bike locks and refused to leave.  Others blocked the entrance to the building, located on Brougham Street in Geelong in Victoria, and erected banners reading “Stop the genocide” and “Disarm Israel” among others.  Their sit-in stretched on for four hours before police eventually moved in and began dragging people away.  Just after 2pm, officers had cleared the building.  A statement released by organisers said protesters were led by members of the Jewish community.  As the sit-in began, the crowd began singing a Yiddish prayer song for the peace.  In a statement, Noemie Huttner-Koros, a Jewish artist and writer, said: “As a descendant of Holocaust survivors, I refuse to let Israel’s far-right government weaponise our grief, pain and fear for the purpose of war crimes, invasion and genocide. “We want to show Jewish people in the diaspora that we can speak up. Jews and Palestinians can and do live together. I see it as my ancestral duty to fight for justice, peace and liberation for all.” | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Pro-Palestinian demonstrator arrested after Pine Gap blockade A woman has been arrested after pro-Palestine protesters blockaded access to a secretive military base in Central Australia. | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people standing in a street  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | **Darwin Rally in support of Palestinians** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Report on Darwin Rally by Diana Rickard**  The rally in support of Palestine - and especially Gaza - went extremely well yesterday evening in Darwin. It was at the front of NT Parliament House (affectionately called 'the Wedding Cake') with 300-400 people attending.   Organised by UMNT, Amnesty, Islamic Society, Jews against Occupation and Territorians for Palestine it showed that - when given a chance - people of different faith (including science-faithist) groups, cultures and abilities can gather peacefully together. The speakers were more than good, they were inspirational.  It was fantastic to see so many people at the rally. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Brisbane support for Palestinians- Just Peace Report** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A large crowd of people outside  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Just Peace Queensland Inc. – via its sub-group, Just Peace for Palestine - has spent most of October supporting the outpouring of anger and grief over the violence in Palestine and Israel.  Just Peace (JP) is a 20-year-old anti-war community organisation whose first aim is to determine the causes of conflict. The current violence in Palestine and Israel has its genesis in GENESIS, the first book of the Hebrew Bible. More recently other activities have played a role. Some of the historical background to this violence has been the topic of speakers at major rallies in Brisbane since the 7th October. These occurred on October 13th (thousands) 21st (many thousands), and November 5th (See photos below). These rallies have been strongly supported by Just Peace Queensland.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=bb1d5d4a6a&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australians for War Powers Reform questions ADF deployment to Middle East and Australia's war material exports to Israel.** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Dear Mr Marles   **ADF deployment to the Middle East – October 2023**  I write on behalf of Australians for War Powers Reform (AWPR) to seek clarification of Australia’s current defence posture in the Middle East following [your announcement](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=9c9dab16e0&e=8ef5b7f4e3) on 25 October 2023 that a significant number of troops would be dispatched along with two aircraft....... Several senior defence experts have also suggested that a wider war may be on the cards including the possible involvement of Iran and the U.S. Can you assure Australians that we will not be involved in such a war? Has the government undertaken any risk assessment regarding our involvement in such a regional conflict? READ Complete Letter [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b39f72afcb&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **What's going on with Australia's Defence Exports to Israel?**  Australia has approved 52 defence exports to Israel in this calendar year alone – more than any other country we export to – but the Department of Defence says it cannot confirm how those military-specific goods and materials are being used, and whether or not they’re used in accordance with international law.  Earlier this week, new figures revealed the Australian government approved 322 defence exports to Israel between January 1, 2017 and March 31, 2023. The figures were disclosed by the government in response to questions on notice from Greens Senator David Shoebridge.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=a938a31b04&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  **Collective punishment, selective truth and slow genocide**  By Alison Broinowski  Inexact figures of dead, injured, and held hostage leave no doubt that in October, Israel intended its revenge attacks on Gaza to exceed the ferocity with which the new settlers wiped out their Palestinian neighbours in the Nakba (catastrophe) in 1948 and established the State of Israel.  Then and since, many more Palestinians than Israelis have died. The proportion is about 40:1, says former British ambassador [Craig Murray](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=2de1db8617&e=8ef5b7f4e3). He points out that those who now invoke Israel’s right of self-defence denied the same right to the Palestinians for decades.    [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=01e4f66961&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **No AUKUS Coalition Victoria**  **Palestine Solidarity Message**  The No AUKUS Coalition Victoria is appalled that the Australian Government has bowed to its AUKUS partners (U.S. & U.K.) and **abstained** from voting with the overwhelming majority of UN members in favour of a United Nations Resolution calling for immediate ceasefire in Gaza and allowing humanitarian aid to reach Palestinians in Gaza. By abstaining from voting in favour of UN’s resolution for a ceasefire, the Australian government is showing its complicity in sanctioning and prolonging this horrendous slaughter of over 9,500 people, 40% of whom are children.    The majority of Australian people are appalled by the massacre in Gaza.  They want an immediate ceasefire and to allow the urgent humanitarian aid to get to the people of Gaza where water, food, power and medicines have almost run out. The No AUKUS Coalition Victoria urges this shameful position be changed and for Australia to join the world wide calls to end the slaughter of the Palestinian people in Gaza and the West Bank. The Australian Government’s position is cowardly and, as usual, simply mirrors the United States’ policy.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=d483735470&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Israeli Intelligence Ministry Policy Paper on Gaza’s Civilian Population, October 2023**  **"Policy paper: Options for a policy regarding Gaza’s civilian population** **Executive summary** 1.The State of Israel is required to bring about a significant change in the civilian reality in the Gaza Strip in light of the Hamas crimes that led to the “Iron Swords” war, therefore it must decide on a political objective regarding the civilian population in Gaza, which should be pursued concurrently with the overthrow of the Hamas regime"  VOICE Editor advises: "The whole document can be read [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e1dcf9b7d9&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  But their preferred option is moving the entire Gaza population to the Sinia, putting them in tents and re-educating them (the words de-nazification is used). They would use as a " justification" to the displaced people that Allah was punishing them for harboring Hamas" | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Coming Events** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **Protest- Indo - Pacific Naval Expo- Darling Harbour, Sydney**  **Drown out the drums of war - March on Naval Expo**  **Tuesday, 7th November, 11am**  Meet at Chinese Friendship Gardens, Darling Harbour Organised by Wage Peace- Disrupt War and supported by others including IPAN  READ IPAN's Leaflet [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4208900101&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people holding a flag  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A white and black card with black text  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Nov 11th** [**ZOOM MEETING ACCESS HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=245d9838a7&e=8ef5b7f4e3) Meeting ID: 891 2967 5274 Passcode: 418048 | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A poster for a event  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Webinar oganised by The Australia Institute 12.30pn AEDT November 10th**  **Rex Patrick**, Former Senator and ‘Transparency Warrior’,  **Hadi Marifat,** Director and co-founder of the Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organization,  **Rawan Arraf**, Executive Director of the Australian Centre for International Justice,  **Kieran Pender**, Senior lawyer at the Human Rights Law Centre, and  **Sharara Attai**, Executive Director of the Islamophobia Register Australia.  **Details and booking** [HERE](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=397c1b9e09&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Truth not War Festival** Sunday 12th Nov at 1-3 pm Glebe Park, ACT Bands and Speakers | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Rally for David McBride  (Whistleblower on ADF War crimes in Afghanistan)**  His court case is on **Monday** **November,13th at 9am at ACT Courts.** Speakers outside court include: Senator David Shoebridge, former ACT AG Bernard Collaery and Dr Sue Wareham (MAPW). This rally is also for Julian Assange and Richard Boyle. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A gold dome on a building  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A close-up of a flyer  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **ACT Climate protesters in court** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A group of people standing together  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **APPEA 5 Climate Protesters case adjourned** Five climate protesters were arrested on 27 February at the headquarters of the peak gas industry body, the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, on the anniversary of the Lismore floods for blockading the main doors of the building.  The five, who are all retirees, were Cate Adams, Dr Nick Abel, Kathryn Kelly, Dr Anna Molan and John Wurker, who were being represented by former ACT Attorney General and Timor Leste advocate, Bernard Collaery.  The expert witnesses who, after argument, were not allowed to give evidence, were Admiral Chris Barrie, former Chief Scientist, Prof Penny Sackett, Climate Councillor Prof Hilary Bambrick, former Australian Coal Association CEO Ian Dunlop and former opposition leader and economist, John Hewson.  The decision on their case was held over until 18 December. The [RiotACT](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8aee0fb693&e=8ef5b7f4e3) and Canberra Times covered the hearing. | | | |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **School Stike for Climate- 17th November** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WE ARE SENDING LABOR A MESSAGE ON NOV 17: SHAKE FOSSIL FUELS OFF** ‼️ We have BAD BLOOD with our Labor Government. They have approved Four Coal Mines which is so out of STYLE! We’ve got a BLANK SPACE Albo and Tanya, and we’re writing your name this Nov 17 on our posters! Let’s make our WILDEST DREAMS come true and get our Government to [#ShiftThePower](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=be156afd65&e=8ef5b7f4e3) away from Fossil Fuels on Nov 17!!  Find your nearest Climate Strike: [ss4c.info/nov17](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=3b7eba1347&e=8ef5b7f4e3) No Strike near you? Register your own: [ss4c.info/nov17rego](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=29cfb20466&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | | |
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There may be funds available to support events and actions from the ICAN Geneva  Rapid Action  Fund [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1d3afcd699&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A blue sky with white text  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **ICAN Petition**  **Labor keep your promise and sign the Treaty for Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**  We are excited to collaborate with the leading environmental advocates at the Australian Conservation Foundation to petition the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to keep their promise and join the ban. Let’s make this the biggest petition on the ban treaty in Australia yet! [**SIGN HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1cb354acee&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Informative Articles** | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations, Oct 27, 2023  **Hallucinatory world: Governments blind as multiple catastrophes besiege human civilisation**  By [Julian Cribb](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=551844437f&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  Life on Earth is under siege. A chain of tipping points with catastrophic consequences for everyone are being unleashed. Yet governments worldwide remain indifferent to the danger. Indeed, many continue avidly to stoke the very furnaces that will consume our civilisation.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ff50b3acbf&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Where will they dump Nuclear waste?  By David Noonan B.Sc., M.Env.St., a long term Nuclear Free Campaigner.** Originally published in Adelaide Voices p.15-16 Sept 2023  Hiroshima and Nagasaki were cities, civilian populations, blasted, burnt and irradiated by the first Atomic-Bombs.  On 6th of August 1945 Hiroshima was the ‘primary target’ for use of the first High Enriched Uranium (HEU) A-Bomb intended to destroy a city. They wanted good pictures of the bomb-blast and the weather conditions were favourable for photos - so Hiroshima City was destroyed.  On 9th August a US nuclear bomber first flew to Kokura City, the ‘primary target’ for use of the first Plutonium Bomb, but cloud cover was unfavourable for taking good pictures of a bomb-blast over Kokura.  So instead, they flew on to destroy a ‘secondary target’ - Nagasaki City.  How capricious is the Atomic Age.  The International Red Cross states there can be no effective response to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences from the use of nuclear weapons. Yet our AUKUS ‘partners’ the US and the UK still target cities.  All nuclear weapons states are modernising their arsenals, all fail to honour NPT disarmament obligations.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=c298efefff&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ****Senator Shoebridge calls out the waste of $368 billion on nuclear subs**** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person in a suit  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**VIEW HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=352f993265&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations,  **China has neither the intent nor the capability to attack us**   by John Menadue  We are being led in our anti-China hysteria by the United States which is not concerned that China will attack us, or even the United States, but is concerned that its world hegemony is being challenged.  That is why the US is persistently goading China into conflict and possible war. And we follow along. As Jack Waterford put it from a US official, [the US sees us as an ‘easy lay](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=7b80ca5083&e=8ef5b7f4e3)’.  What the United States really resents about China is that it is successful after almost two centuries of poverty and humiliation.  China has certainly changed but the problem is the US refuses to change and accept the fact that it’s no longer the  sole hegemon.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=5d76b72015&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Former British Soldier EXPOSES Israel War Machine | Joe Glenton** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person with a red button  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**VIEW HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=538dccac30&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australian universities join global defence consortium supporting AUKUS** **INDUSTRY** 26 OCTOBER 2023  **The University of South Australia and University of Adelaide have joined a global defence consortium of United Kingdom and United States of America universities supporting the AUKUS alliance.** The Digital Disruption in Defence Research Consortium – comprising seven universities from the US, the UK, and Australia – will coordinate research and analyse and assess data in partnership with government and industry. The consortium aims to understand the implications of digital disruption for defence, while helping to shape policies and strategies that benefit its member nations. UK Minister for the Indo-Pacific Anne-Marie Trevelyan, who opened the inaugural Digital Disruption in Defence Research Consortium conference, welcomed the launch of the new group.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8b428ece9b&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Jack Lynch's Monthly Newsletter** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person holding a book and a microphone  Description automatically generated | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Politics and Poems and much more Contact: Jack at  Jake Lynch <[jake.lynch@sydney.edu.au](mailto:jake.lynch@sydney.edu.au)> | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **A book worth reading on an alternative defence strategy  The Echidna Strategy: Australia's Search for Power and Peace  by Sam Roggeveen**  Extract from Review by Responsible Statescraft:  In “[The Echidna Strategy: Australia’s Search for Power and Peace](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e6dc78b111&e=8ef5b7f4e3),” Roggeveen argues that Australia does not need the nuclear-powered submarines or the closer connection with Washington that they represent, and he proposes instead a strategy aimed at discouraging possible future attacks with a focus on maritime denial and strengthening Australia’s relations with Indonesia and the Pacific Island nations. | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **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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