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- Michelle Fahy & Elizabeth Minter  \* Nuclear-capable US B52 Bombers to be stationed at RAAF Tindal in   NT?-Richard Tanter & Vince Scappatura  \* Hunter Peace Group opposes establishment of new weapons   manufacturing facility in Newcastle  \* Australian Defence Policy explained - Utopia   **Informative Articles**  \* Ethical Education: Tackling the influence of weapons companies in   Australia's schools  \* Philippine Fishermen and environmental groups oppose US military   bases in the Philippines, warning against "proxy war" dangers  \* Social Justice Statement 2024-25  \* Victory for ANU staff and students   **Coming Events**  \* Hand-in-hand Peace with Justice -Armidale Events  \* Solidarity Cup for Palestine  \* World Beyond War - Resisting the USA's Military    Empire- Conference- September 20-22, 2024  \* Raising Peace Festival 2024: 8-22nd September  \* International Day of Peace Lecture 2024- Uniting for a Just Peace  \* WILF Peace Picnic- 21st September | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Activities** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/01e3dde6-9041-a39a-5244-002b1d367e4e.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/7dac0f99-544c-b3de-1eee-26a5e7da323f.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Register HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=545ac65f91&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/183402d3-37f8-294b-1f26-4631c6f7d2b7.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **REGISTRATION for IPAN National Conference is now open:** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/ff0f2126-cc7d-c02c-9ab8-54502c169287.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/e1274c43-73b2-953e-ee97-cc39a5f58ecb.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/35ac3d6d-0b3e-c557-faa7-7b45754c282d.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/2c9e2c11-2704-4608-b3d8-b55e28bfd0e8.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/aa5b9b4e-2c18-1a1d-bee2-2997ba7b3926.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/fc977ce0-adf5-4b9c-ced0-fd6d82efcd42.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Letter to Defence Minister Marles** **Re: Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023** Extract: "The USA and the UK have had decades of nuclear subs which remain non-decommissioned, and neither country has to date been able to dispose of high level radioactive nuclear waste from their existing fleet.   While your assurances and those of the Prime Minister mean that under an Albanese Government there may be no possibility of storing USA and UK high level nuclear waste, the Bill as it currently stands still provides for the possibility of a future government to have the right to host radioactive waste from the USA and the UK. IPAN urges you to give lasting effect to your assurance by shutting this door forever."  READ COMPLETE LETTER [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=70a06a2fa4&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Podcast August 2024**  **Nuclear powered submarines and radiation dangers**  Listen [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4c158a14be&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN members meeting, 13th August, 2024 Understanding and resisting the nuclearisation of Australia**  On August 13 2024, our IPAN webinar entitled ” Suboptimal: Understanding and contesting AUKUS and the domestic nuclear power push”  was held as an IPAN members meeting.  Two excellent presentations were shown – the speakers were David Noonan and David Sweeney.  View webinar [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=98f6931fe7&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **IPAN Submission to Joint Standing Committee on Treaties**   **To the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties regarding:**  *The Agreement among the Government of Australia, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Government of the United States of America for Cooperation Related to Naval Nuclear Propulsion*  READ Submission [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=1727c4a3d8&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Volunteer (Unpaid )Position IPAN Social Media and Website Manager**  To apply: details [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=a4824415bc&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australia-wide Activities** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Perth- Hiroshima Day** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/34a406fc-d330-d550-9d1b-24a11eaa6171.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | We held the commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima on the 6th August and had a lot of interest from the passers-by - workers on their way home. We had about 60 supporters turn up and as it got dark lit candles and had a minute's silence. The sun shone on the righteous as the predicted storm didn't arrive. Eileen Whitehead | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hobart Hiroshima Day Vigil** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/eb4d0d1b-399e-4b97-0508-b8c076a94282.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 16 people attended vigil on Parliament House lawns on Saturday 10 August organised by MAPW supported by Quakers and WILPF. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **WA- Keep Cockburn Sound Nuclear Free** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/28eaf209-840b-53c6-eae4-893dcd745320.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/74a46673-989b-d2d2-5a3c-4323f613ed61.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Lawyers call for TPNW signing**  Today, our partners and friends at Lawyers for Peace, have published an open letter, sent to the Prime Minister, calling on the Australian government to sign the TPNW, without delay.  The letter, which is signed by thirty-five lawyers, and whose signatories include Robert Tickner AO, Katie Robertson, Melissa Parke, and Corinne Grant, among others, states “With two nuclear-armed powers involved in heated conflicts overseas, and the risk of nuclear escalation growing, now is a vital time to take necessary steps for nuclear disarmament.”  The letter highlights the complementarity between the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and the TPNW, stating that together they create a “robust legal framework for a nuclear-free world.”   Read their letter [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ecc98948b7&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Palestine-Gaza** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Letter to your ALP Politicians calling for urgent action on Gaza**  [**Here**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=e2ca7ceb83&e=8ef5b7f4e3) is a letter which you can sign and and it will be sent to your ALP politicians regarding the genocide in Gaza. It states that unless Labor quickly changes its stance on Palestine, we will not vote for them at the next election.    The hope is that when they are flooded with these letters, Labor might see more clearly how many votes they stand to lose over this issue, which may then motivate them to change their position.  [**SIGN HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=3051b6e1ea&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/49d67dc0-b509-0dac-f8fe-bba308d08963.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **UNSW and University of Melbourne NTEU branches pass BDS motions in landslide votes**  This week, the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) branches at both the UNSW and University of Melbourne  passed motions supporting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, citing Israel's genocide in Gaza and a recent ICJ Advisory Opinion that the state's illegal occupation constitutes apartheid.  Each motion called on their respective universities to endorse an academic boycott, divestment from weapons and arms manufacturers and end their relationships with Israeli universities, in accordance with the demands of Palestinians. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **AUKUS & Nuclear issues** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Get Up Petition  SIGN: STAND AGAINST AUKUS NUCLEAR SUBS!**  To Prime Minister Albanese, Defence Minister Richard Marles and Foreign Affairs Minister Penny Wong,  Traditional Owners have led decades of resistance to nuclear, which risks community health and Country.  We urge you to stand with First Nation communities and redirect AUKUS funding into housing, healthcare and clean renewable energy.  [**SIGN HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=341cd4271c&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/c943b5c6-22a0-a187-df58-b1b221bfaa5a.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **PETITION TO NSW Legislative Assembly** To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly  **Preventative measures to protect the people of NSW from the long lasting toxic effects of nuclear radiation**  The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to pass legislation to ensure that there are:   1. No nuclear submarine base(s) established in NSW 2. No nuclear waste is stored or disposed of in NSW 3. No visits of nuclear powered vessels, or nuclear weapons- capable vessels or aircraft, from any country, allowed in NSW ports or airfields   These measures are essential to prevent the people of NSW being exposed to the long term health risks of toxic radiation which can occur through exposure to nuclear waste or radiation from leaks or accidents associated with the nuclear reactors or nuclear weapons on visiting vessels or aircraft.  **Sign** [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=21ffc17af6&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls & Irritations, August 17, 2024  **AUKUS: The worst defence and foreign policy decision our country has made**  By [Gareth Evans](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=f219161af0&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  *Defence Minister Marles’s love for the the US is so dewy-eyed as to defy parody. Foreign Minister Wong is far more beady-eyed, and instinctively wary of over-commitment to America’s view of itself, but has been unwilling to rock the boat.*  Politics played a significant part in the birth of AUKUS in Australia, and politics both here and in the US will play a crucial role in determining whether it lives or dies. That is so at least for its core submarine component, on which I will focus here: the second pillar of the agreement, relating to technical cooperation on multiple new fronts, is both much less clear in its scope and less obviously politically fraught.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=85778f4831&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to The Interpreter, 2024   **AUKUS: The Singapore Strategy Redux**  by [Albert Palazzo](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=60774bce04&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  Successive governments are making the nation vulnerable to a repeat performance.  On 12 August the Australian Government tabled a new [AUKUS](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ddc340a82a&e=8ef5b7f4e3) document in parliament. The Albanese government has cleared the next hurdle in its quest to obtain nuclear-powered submarines. The agreement allows and regulates the transfer from the United States of the nuclear technologies and materials that will enable the Royal Australian Navy to operate and maintain nuclear-powered submarines.  What the government failed to spell out is that this agreement includes iron-clad Australian [obligations](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=38dae94319&e=8ef5b7f4e3) but no guarantee in return that the US will hand over the *Virginia*-class boats it promises. In effect, the government has signed on to a redux of the failed and discredited [Singapore Strategy](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=f1336d4017&e=8ef5b7f4e3) of the 1920s and 30s, and in so doing has demonstrated its ignorance of the nation’s past security experiences.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=dad619cab2&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Sydney Criminal Lawyers, 23 August, 2024  [**US Congressman Asserts Darwin the “Epicentre” of War on China, as Nuke Subs on Their Way**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=64fefc4127&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  by [Paul Gregoire](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=abe5c22532&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  “The shift which we need to see is from viewing AUKUS as [**defence**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=810a2853ef&e=8ef5b7f4e3) policy, to viewing it as nation-building policy – or even economic future-proofing policy,” Bran Black, Business Council of Australia CEO, was quoted as saying at the end of an article about this continent [**becoming a “central base” of US military operations**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=8671f4c6f0&e=8ef5b7f4e3) in the Indo Pacific.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=ad428d7122&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Greens on AUKUS August 2024  **AUKUS 2.0 Agreement all risk no reward**   The new [AUKUS agreement](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=50a1a72ca1&e=8ef5b7f4e3) concerning the acquisition of nuclear submarines is a complete capitulation by the Albanese Labor Government to the interests of the US.  >From the US dictating the price of material it is selling to Australia to the ability of the US to scrap the deal whenever it wants, this agreement should have never been signed.  The Agreement has multiple exit clauses to allow the US and UK to withdraw from the deal with menial notice and no compensation to Australia. This is deeply concerning as Australia has already begun paying the US and UK nearly $10 billion in public funds. If the US and UK withdraw they have the right to take back and or destroy all material and information provided. The UK and US only need to provide one year's notice.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=fd600dcd24&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/158970d0-42b4-81af-4e17-c8674f4a7c9e.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Pearls and Irritations, 1st August, 2024  **The dangers of AUKUS, the FPA and nuclear submarines**  By [Bevan Ramsden](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=88ee2aed7d&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  *Preparations for Australian involvement in a US-instigated war against China are proceeding steadily. Despite recent polls showing that a majority of the Australian people want to keep out of such a war and stay neutral, Australia’s subservient leadership continues to provide the US military with unimpeded access to our ports, airfields and military bases as they lock us ever more tightly into the US imperial war machine.*  HMAS Stirling at Garden Island in WA is being extended to provide porting and maintenance facilities for US nuclear submarines and RAAF Tindal in the NT is being upgraded for the basing there of US fighters and B-52 bombers, some of which are capable of carrying nuclear weapons. US controlled fuel, munitions and spare parts depots are being set up in Darwin and at Bandiana in Victoria, and Robertson Barracks in Darwin is being extended to accommodate increased numbers of US Marines stationed there, currently 2,500. These US war preparations are underpinned by the AUKUS Security Pact and the US-Australia Force Posture Agreement, the FPA.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=04e5e6c21a&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Sky News 2/9/24   **Australia begins work on first US nuclear-powered submarine**   Defence Minister Richard Marles says the USS Hawaii is currently undertaking “intermediate level maintenance” as part of the AUKUS partnership at HMAS Stirling in Western Australia. “This is the first time that an American nuclear-powered submarine has received maintenance outside of American territory and has been worked upon by non-US citizens,” Mr Marles said during a press conference on Monday. “That is the significance of what is happening here with the USS Hawaii right now.” | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Indigenous Rights** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Truth and Justice Commission Bill 2024- Submissions open**  On 4 July 2024 the Senate referred the Truth and Justice Commission Bill 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs for inquiry and report by 11 February 2025.  The Bill is intended to establish a Commission to inquire into and make recommendations to Parliament on particular matters relating to historic and ongoing injustices against First Peoples in Australia and the impacts of these injustices on First Peoples.  Further information about the Bill, including the Explanatory Memoranda can be found on the [Parliament's website](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b5fc42658d&e=8ef5b7f4e3).  **Making a submission**  The Committee invites written submissions addressing any or all aspects of the Bill by **Friday, 20 September 2024**.  Make your submission [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=891df35631&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTAR) have provided a comprehensive guide on how to make a submission (ANTAR: “This is very important for the health and Australia as a nation, and the healing and flourishing of our First Nations brothers and sisters.” )  READ DETAILS [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=aac9d2bc58&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Human Rights** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/9f5fd562-bd10-ab0b-49c9-3c6e758ac4f0.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The David vs Goliath battle is ON.**  On 14 May 2024, the ACT Supreme Court jailed David McBride for trying to expose the Australian Defence Force’s unethical, harmful and highly politicised leadership. David is not giving up. David McBride is appealing this outrageous sentence and he needs your help to fund his appeal.  **Who is David McBride?**  In 2011 and 2013, David McBride served in Afghanistan as a military lawyer to the Royal Australian Regiment and Australian Special Forces respectively. When he joined the Australian Defence Force, he swore an oath to fight for Australian values. As a lawyer, he also had a duty to the public and to the rule of law and the administration of justice. He had a legal duty to report any misconduct he witnessed.   Over his two deployments in Afghanistan as a military lawyer, David became increasingly concerned that the war was dictated by politics rather than the best interests of Australians and Australian soldiers. David saw the Rule of Law and the rules of war not being followed, and indeed being breached with complete impunity because of the indifference of Command. David saw people in leadership avoiding tough decisions because their political careers were more important than people’s lives.  **What can we do?**  Contact Mark Dreyfus or your local MP today to express your support for David. Create and share a social media post or a short video using the hashtag #SpeakUp4McBride to spread the word. Donate to support David’s legal appeal and help fight for his freedom:  **https://chuffed.org/project/davidmcbride** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Australian Citizens Party Media Release Friday, 16 August 2024  **Tell the Attorney-General: Free Dan Duggan!**  Next week former US Navy Top Gun pilot Dan Duggan, a naturalised Australian, will belatedly lodge his final submission to the Attorney-General against his extradition to the United States.  (Duggan’s attempt to lodge his final submission last month was interrupted by the CrowdStrike outage.)  A Duggan spokesman said his submission will explain the injustice he and his family have suffered, the political motivation behind his mistreatment, the complete lack of evidence and facts in the US indictment against him, and the way in which the USA is extending itself into Australia and compromising our national sovereignty.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=a7cbc06ba4&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Sovereignty & Defence** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | With acknowledgement to Michael West Media, 24 August, 2024  **Forced Posture: has Australia already ceded military control to the US?**  The war of words between Richard Marles and Paul Keating belies how the US bid for military control of Australia has been underway for over a decade, supported by both the Coalition and Labor.  by Michelle Fay and Elizabeth Minter  The Albanese government has not explained the full picture in its rejection of Paul Keating’s concerns about Australia’s defence policy. The former Labor prime minister said on ABC’s 7:30 last week that AUKUS was likely to turn Australia into the 51st state of the United States: “AUKUS is really about, in American terms, the military control of Australia."  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=84d67219fb&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | New Revelations by Richard Tanter and Vince Scappatura  **Nuclear-capable US B52 Bombers to be stationed at RAAF Tindal in the NT?** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/676584d4-de03-376d-d796-0ee2418ced3c.png | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/4c518d6f-791d-9f49-ce09-653841a076eb.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Hunter Peace Group opposes establishment of new weapons manufacturing facility in Newcastle  Letter to Minister Pat Conroy**  Minister Conroy - the members of Hunter PeaceGroup are absolutely appalled at yet another announcement, (given with such pride and glee),  for yet another business to manufacture weapons here in the Hunter region,  The militarisation of Australia , the Albanese Government is undertaking at an exceedingly  rapid pace;  apart from unbelievably taking the wrong road, it is a dangerous and aggressive pathway.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=966b0eb934&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Full details [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=823694d19d&e=8ef5b7f4e3) and[**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b1d45a2c52&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/846fc50e-2f11-67f8-1bac-ed423691b930.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Australian Defence Policy explained** (acknowledgement to Utopia)  View [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=91183290d3&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Informative Articles** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/81001d6f-5e73-4b03-e0b2-ff93d3f075da.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Educator, 1st August,2024  **Ethical education: Tackling the influence of weapons companies in Australia's schools**  by [Brett Henebery](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=2a22f841cb&e=8ef5b7f4e3)    In July, the Canberra Times reported that the ACT Government had rejected Northrop Grumman’s offer to send a Canberra student and teacher to a six-day Space Camp in the US, fearing controversy despite potential “life-changing” benefits. In a statement, the government said the decision reflects a shift in its stance on defence company engagements, focusing instead on space, cyber security, advanced technology, renewables, and international education.  Previously, Chief Minister Andrew Barr aimed to grow the local defence industry, meeting executives from major weapons manufacturers. Northrop Grumman, a key sponsor, produces drones for the Australian Defence Force, though the Space Camp centred on civil space exploration and educational activities.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=28cceb6851&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/c0d2de74-9d0c-eee2-4839-3bbeb748402a.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Global Times, 1st August,2024   **Philippine fishermen and environmental groups oppose US military bases in the Philippines, warning against 'proxy war' dangers**  By  [Hu Yuwei](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=bfdb4a9700&e=8ef5b7f4e3)   Philippine fishermen and environmental groups gathered in Quezon City for a forum to express their concerns about the risks of the Philippines becoming embroiled in a "proxy war" as a result of US military bases in the country. The gathering coincided with reports of joint maritime exercises between the Philippines and US navies in the South China Sea on Wednesday. The participants voiced their strong opposition to this potential escalation of tensions.  These groups condemned the high risks associated with increased militarization, emphasizing the need to focus on "Jobs, Not Wars" and peaceful dialogues to resolve tensions in the South China Sea. They oppose "aggression and wars" in the Philippines and the ASEAN region, saying that territorial tensions should not be used as an excuse for conflict.  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=b28cd245e5&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Social Justice Statement 2024-25**  READ [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=6c11b940f4&e=8ef5b7f4e3)  Extracts by Dr Michael Walker:   In Pacem in Terris, Pope John argued that the arms  race of his day needed to stop and that nuclear  weapons should be banned. The claim that peace  can be maintained by opposing sides balancing the  number and types of weapons they stored was  profoundly mistaken. The only way to build  genuine and lasting peace was and is to build trust  between nations. (p. 6)  … The arms industry has a life of its own and a  privileged place in the global economy. It is also an  undoubted factor in fomenting conflict around the  world, since it depends upon conflict for its  business. It becomes almost obscene in a world  where 9,000 people die of hunger each day. (p. 7) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Canberra Times  **Victory for ANU staff and students**  “ANU will no longer invest in weapons and arms manufacturers The Australian National University says it will no longer invest in weapons companies after a review of its investment policy which attracted 900 submissions from staff, students and alumni” | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Coming Events** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/cc4fbe05-ebe7-2347-ee15-b5956c6c4d2b.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Solidarity Cup for Palestine** - A day of community soccer to raise awareness and funds for Palestine.  Organised by Western Suburbs of Melbourne Community groups in Solidarity with Palestine. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/0334a96b-b186-92e1-4af8-d3620d88d8d0.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/bfe8b48d-e24d-1bec-81a8-da4a96cca3ce.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Ending all wars means closing all military bases. The United States of America, unlike any other nation, maintains a massive network of foreign military bases around the world, over 900 bases in more than 90 countries and territories.**  [**READ ON**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4ed6c6ab1b&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/de13d331-6ed5-d3fa-d722-817335e83b94.jpg | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | All details [**HERE**](https://ipan.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d&id=4720daca62&e=8ef5b7f4e3) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://mcusercontent.com/d3766f6de66f92775b3ee224d/images/858823a6-264b-3748-9143-423b31740ce6.jpg | | |
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