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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Investigate the report's key recommendations (see pages 12-17)
- Write to or meet your Federal MP or Senator (please email IPAN first)
- Share the report with your own networks
- Set up a talking circle to discuss the report
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WHO IS IPAN?

IPAN is a network of organisations around Australia – community, faith and peace groups, trade unions and concerned individuals – aiming to build public dialogue and pressure for change to a truly independent foreign policy for Australia – one in which our government plays a positive role in solving international conflicts peacefully.

IPAN'S VISION:

An **Independent** and **Peaceful** Australia

IPAN'S MISSION:

Advocate for an independent and peaceful Australia, free of foreign military bases, and free of interventions by other foreign Governments, corporations, or vested interests, that at present seek to exert undue influence in shaping Australia's foreign and defence policies in a manner that diminishes Australia's sovereignty

Acknowledgement: We acknowledge the traditional custodians the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and respect their continuing culture. We acknowledge their country was violently seized 230 years ago, and affirm that genuine independence of Australia cannot be achieved without a just and sovereign Treaty with the indigenous people of this land.

What Australians said

A PEOPLE'S INQUIRY



Independent & Peaceful Australia

Exploring the Case for an Independent & Peaceful Australia

AND KEEPING AUSTRALIA OUT OF U.S. LED WARS

What are the costs and consequences of Australia's involvement in US-led wars and the US-Alliance?

And what are the alternatives?

SNAPSHOT OF THE FINAL REPORT



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Charting Our Own Course

FINDINGS OF THE PEOPLE'S INQUIRY

Overview of Report:

In November 2020 IPAN launched its People's Inquiry – giving Australians from all walks of life an opportunity to have their say about relating to defence and foreign policy matters. Over 280 submissions were received from individuals, organisations, and community groups. The nine members of the People's Inquiry Panel have written up the findings – contained in the Final Report.

The IPAN People's Inquiry report has dared to imagine citizens being placed alongside Parliament at the centre of Australia's defence and foreign policy decisions. It calls for our nation to create space for debate when matters ought to be contested, and to be confident and mature enough to strive for a genuinely independent and peaceful foreign policy for Australia.

Many Australians have contributed to this historic Inquiry, the first of its kind giving people a chance to have their say on these issues. The volume of submissions received by the Inquiry indicates that findings based on them are truly representative of the views held by the majority of Australians.

This report gives the newly elected Government - and Parliament - a roadmap or reference point for assessing the efficacy of decisions and actions, and for using reason, diplomacy and common sense in making decisions about alliances and warfare in what really are Australia's best interests.

WHAT THE PEOPLE HAVE SAID WE NEED

Summary of key recommendation areas

- 1. Adequate, appropriate and meaningful consultation with First Nations peoples**
 - Practise adequate, appropriate and meaningful consultation with 'legitimate' stakeholders and custodians
 - This must occur in all consultations and negotiations with First Nations peoples regarding use of lands and waters in accordance with the UN concept of free, prior and informed consent.
- 2. Increase diplomatic efforts over military responses**
 - No war with China
 - Promote the role of the United Nations in peace efforts
- 3. The Australian Government to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and**
 - Ban all nuclear weapons entering Australia
 - Reject nuclear war ships or aircraft
 - Establish a Peace and Disarmament ministry (as in New Zealand)
 - To require foreign governments sending armed forces to Australia to station or exercise that they declare they will not include nuclear weapons.

The Prime Minister is a TPNW champion and the Labor Party has promised to move on signing and ratifying the UN Treaty

4. War Powers Reform

- The Australian Government to make reforms to war powers to ensure that parliament must approve the sending of Australian troops to an overseas conflict.

5. A Shift to Self Defence for Australia

- Defence Budget for defending Australia only
- Community consultation re new defence policy
- Industry focus on self-defence of Australia – move away from jobs for war, into sustainable work
- Urgently review the AUKUS decision
- Review/renegeotiate ANZUS
- Eliminate overseas military from Australia – and stop the joint exercise with the U.S.A.

6. Invest in tackling climate change over expenditure on military

- No greenhouse gas emissions by any military
- Acknowledgement of the environmental damage caused by U.S.A. wars

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