

KEEP AUSTRALIA OUT OF U.S. WARS

A public call for an independent and peaceful Australian foreign policy



We, the undersigned, are deeply concerned with the growing threat of another major world war. We are alarmed that as a compliant ally of the U.S., Australia will be dragged into another U.S. provoked war with devastating consequences for people and the environment.

We believe Australia's military alliance with the U.S., involving the complicity of successive Australian governments in U.S. global military agendas, undermines Australia's peace, security and sovereignty.

Australia hosts thousands of U.S. marines in Darwin and conducts joint military exercises in Qld. with tens of thousands of U.S. troops. Australia hosts the U.S. spy base at Pine Gap, near Alice Springs, which contributes to the targeting of assassination drones and which gathers intelligence for use in wars. The North West Cape base in West Australia is heavily involved in preparations for space warfare. Australia is involved in U.S. wars and/or military build ups in the Asia-Pacific and the Middle East. In none of these wars has the invaded country been a threat to Australia or the Australian people. In international forums, Australia echoes U.S. policies opposing Nuclear Disarmament.

We demand the Australian government stop spending millions of dollars of people's taxes on U.S. wars, buying their offensive military equipment (eg. F35 Joint Strike Fighters and killer drones) and hosting marines in Darwin. We call on the government to re-direct public funds to public health, education, community services, developing sustainable manufacturing industries and protection of the environment.

It is time we, the people, asserted our sovereignty, took control of our foreign policies and reviewed the presence of U.S. bases and troops in Australia. It is time we started promoting genuine peace and security, human rights, a sustainable environment and our independence.

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WAR, PEACE AND INDEPENDENCE

Keynote speakers and topics include Assoc. Prof. David Vine, on US foreign and military global policies and bases; Prof Richard Tanter "What would an Independent Foreign Policy look like"; Dr Mike Gilligan, former Australian Defence Analyst, "Can Australia defend itself?"; Alex Edney-Browne, on Drone Warfare; Dr Alison Broinowski; Warren Smith, Assistant National Secretary, Maritime Union of Australia on Peace is Union Business; Korean activist on the current situation on the Korean Peninsula.

Discussions and planning for building the people's movement.

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