

# THE PEOPLE'S INQUIRY: EXPLORING THE CASE FOR AN INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL AUSTRALIA



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*IPAN has the opportunity to garner some of the diversity of relationships to the US-Australia Alliance and draw on informed conversations.*

*This investigation, gives an opportunity for voices to be heard from multiple viewpoints.*

*Some communities have claimed there are advantages through military involvement while others see it as a threat to their sovereign rights. Others draw a distinction between Australian relationships and international alliances.*

*Consultation matters in this circumstance, when relationship to land is so fundamental to cultural integrity, ceremony, access sites, usage, food, water, safety, environmental impacts, financial considerations, climate change and the list could go on and on....*

*A lot of the talk you'll see that involves Aboriginal people, are discreet media articles. They're a response to local action. They're not coordinated. They are not pulled together. There's no major overview.*



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