

APPENDIX 1 PINE GAP POLL

The Alice Springs Town Council tried two weeks ago to pass a motion supporting the retention of Pine Gap and encouraging the preparation of a 'special disaster plan' for the Alice Springs region.

Alderman Michelle Castagna objected to the lack of consultation with YOU, the people of Alice Springs, and the matter was deferred. You now have a little over a week to register an opinion on this vital issue.

The Alice Springs Peace Group, as you already know, opposes the retention of Pine Gap - but we do support the Council's attempt to encourage preparation of a disaster plan. We do not believe the Council has given the Community enough time to think this issue through.

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN BATH STREET. COME ALONG!

If you can't come to the meeting and you still want to register your opinion, CUT OUT THE BALLOT BELOW AND POST IT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Remember, you only have ONE WEEK left to respond.
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To: Roy Mitchell. Town Clerk, P.O. Box 1071, Alice Springs. 5750.

I agree with the Council's policy of support for Pine Gap.
YES NO

I support the preparation of a special disaster plan.
YES NO

I am concerned there has not been adequate consultation on these matters.
YES NO

Signature: _____

WHY HAS SOMEONE GONE TO THE TROUBLE OF DELIVERING THIS NOTICE TO YOU?

Because we are citizens of this town who are genuinely concerned.
It is hard when you are called a ratbag for standing up for your rights.

It is hard when you are labelled a troublemaker because you recognise a wrong and try to do something about it.

BUT

* When we said Pine Gap was a nuclear target people said we were scaremongers. NOW Federal, Territory and local governments all say we are a target and we need a special disaster plan.

* When we said Pine Gap was run by the C.I.A. people said we were paranoid. NOW the Federal government has confirmed this. (Bill Hayden, 'Australian', 20.1.83.)

* When the 1985 Alice Springs Town Needs Survey asked "What do you most dislike about Alice Springs?", one of the most common answers was "Pine Gap".



WANT MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Alice Springs Peace Group, Shop 5A, Colacag Plaza (opp. Council lawns) or write to P.O. Box 1637, Alice Springs. 5750. Phone: 52 6782.

The Alice Springs Peace Group is prepared to take a stand

WILL YOU?