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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this important issue.

IPAN AUKUS Submission.

Australians are looking more like small 'sucker' fishes tending to the grooming needs of gigantic killer ORCA whales.

The AUKUS nuclear submarine pact with United States and the United Kingdom has shocked ordinary Australians and the world.

Fortunately there is time to stop this escalating militarism our government has been willingly drawn into. The contracts have not been drawn up yet. We have an 18 month period of reflection. Apparently.

Writing as an experienced Anti–Nuclear Peace Activist for over 40 years, I have never been so upset by elected white middle-aged, mostly males, pandering to foreign influence and military might.

Normally happy to sleep, now anxious to wake up each morning because Canberra is on a Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) trajectory and is trying to pull us along with them via 'Security' propaganda through this newly hatched AUKUS pact.

Every 24 hours there's a new angle to our Defence Force saga. Democracy and diplomacy has gone missing in action. There is no debate! We get told! This is outrageous political behaviour, especially while many Australians are in 'Lockdown' patiently waiting for Covid vaccines and State Borders to open.

France is understandably upset at the deception, calling out the secret betrayal "Like a stab in the back" and "It's un-Australian." AUKUS meanwhile has been aptly renamed FUKUSA. Weirdly, just feeling that if Australia is eventually 'nuked', I hope it's by France.

However, the 'Forever Wars' must stop at Afghanistan because a recent US 'over-the-horizon' drone attack 'mistakenly' killed 10 civilians including 7 children in Kabul.

In August, this US drone strike occurred in retaliation because two suicide bombers killed American soldiers and Afghanistan citizens trying to board planes at Kabul airport after the failed 20 year War on Terror.

By September, we read Defence Minister Peter Dutton was going to America for new missiles and killer drone deals, but even worse we scaled up our expenditure with more costly nuclear powered submarines in several decades time. Really?

Yes, really expensive NUCLEAR SUBMARINE\$.

We wonder who hatched the secret Defence pact that PM Scott Morrison recently 'announced' to the public, with zero opportunity to release it as a policy before an election?

Surely Australians deserve answers, and a chance for debate along with a vote on the multi-faceted nuclear risks that nuclear submarines raise.

Victoria is a legislated Nuclear Free State. AUKUS go away! We need Welfare not Warfare.

The Independent and Peaceful Australia Network is calling for everyone to contact all politicians by letter, email, phone etc, asking for logical explanations. What's going on? Our major trading partner is not threatening us militarily despite what mainstream media and ASPI keeps flagging. The Australian Strategic Policy Institute is just an influential 'Think Tank' financially supported by our government, and foreign weapons manufacturing industries, including Thales and Lockheed Martin who perpetuate global fears while raking in export dollars.

First Nations people never ceded their sovereignty to the British. But Australia is now offering our sovereignty on a platter to the United Kingdom and the United States.

Lest we forget: The AUKUS Nuclear pact is an undemocratic decision announced by Parliament. We the people, had no say before the announcement by PM Scott Morrison on 16th September 2021.

A united voice from the Australian people can still stop this awful AUKUS Nuclear proposition. Join with us today.