



Quaker Peace & Legislation Committee

AA21-3: WEEKEND OF NATIONAL ACTION NO AUKUS, NO NUCLEAR SUBS, NO MARCH TO WAR 10-12 DECEMBER 2021

As Quakers we seek a world without war. We seek a sustainable and just community. We have a vision of an Australia that upholds human rights and builds peace internationally, with particular focus on our region. In our approach to government we will promote the importance of dialogue, of listening and of seeking that of God in every person. We aim to work for justice and to take away the occasion for war.

Friends may remember that QPLC was one of the like-minded organisations which signed a letter endorsing a national meeting to discuss the possible formation of a broad-based national coalition/movement campaigning against the Australia-UK-US trilateral security pact, nuclear submarines and the march to war.

A well-attended online preliminary meeting of organisations and individuals from across Australia was held on 7 November. An interim decision making group is sifting through the notes of small group discussions on a range of topics and plans to hold another national meeting in January 2022.

One decision that was enthusiastically endorsed at the November meeting was a weekend of nation wide activities on **10-12 December 2021**. This weekend also marks the 19th anniversary of the national rallies opposing the war on Iraq.

Friends are encouraged to organize or join local activities for this weekend to send a clear message of opposition to AUKUS, nuclear subs and the march to war.

For inspiration we include the link to Jo Valentine's anti-nuclear submarine protest at HMAS Stirling: <https://www.facebook.com/mia.pepper.90/videos/1576027819425617>

We have heard about the following protests:

Thurs 9 December, Wollongong, Dharawal Nation, 6.30pm, 6-8 Wentworth St Port Kembla
Fri 10 December, Meanjin/Brisbane, 4pm, Reddacliff Place
Fri 10 December, Naarm/Melbourne, 5.15pm, State Library 328 Swanston street
Fri 10 December, Ngunnawal/Canberra, 5:30pm, Garema Place, Civic
Sat 11 December, Naarm/Melbourne, 1pm, State Library 328 Swanston street
Sat 11 December, Gadigal/Sydney, 12 noon Town Hall
Sat 11 December, Kurna/Adelaide, Parliament steps
Sat 11 December, Noongar/Perth

Sydney:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/166229042297271?ref=newsfeed>

Melbourne:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/311079494162533?ref=newsfeed>

Gong Commune (Wollongong) Thread with events in other capital cities:

https://www.facebook.com/events/1344062516010238/?active_tab=discussion

Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN):

<https://ipan.org.au/event/rallies-against-aukus-nuclear-subs-and-war-talk-weekend-of-10-12-december-australia-wide/> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ipausnet>

Canberra: <https://www.facebook.com/CanberraCoalitionforNuclearFreeIndependentAus>