

MAKE PEACE A PRIORITY

125th Anniversary of the Australian Parliament

- 9 May 1901:** Australia's first federal parliament met in Melbourne
- 9 May 1927:** "New" Parliament House opened in Canberra
- 9 May 1988:** The Permanent Parliament House opened on Capital Hill

The campaign aims to leverage the 125th anniversary of the opening of Australia's Federal Parliament to advance arguments for genuine Australian independence and peaceful foreign policy.

- 1 Movement Building** - unions, peace groups, faith communities, and environmental organisations
- 2 Political Engagement** - Brief ministers and MPs leading to ALP National Conference
- 3 Public Education** - Shift public understanding on independence and peace issues
- 4 Policy Pressure** - Compel government response on military commitments and accountability

The campaign culminates at the ALP National Conference in Adelaide, where the party's National Platform for the next three years will be debated and agreed. This provides a strategic opportunity to influence Labor Party policy on peace and independence issues.

Core Messages

- **"True Independence Starts Now"** *End foreign military bases and assert genuine sovereignty*
- **"Peace is Our Priority"** *Redirect \$370B from AUKUS to genuine self-defence and reallocation to healthcare, education & climate action*
- **"Treaty for True Independence"** *Recognise Indigenous sovereignty as the foundation for genuine independence*

Initial (Achievable) Proposals

- **Expand the Minister for International Development Role to include Peacebuilding**
Integrate peacebuilding responsibilities within the existing ministerial portfolio
- **Consolidate All Areas Working on Peace**
Ensure peace is given appropriate focus across government departments and agencies
- **Increase Resourcing for Conflict Prevention**
Provide additional funding for research bodies, increase resources for Australia's role on the Peacebuilding Commission, expand resources for diplomacy and a peace agenda in the Indo-Pacific

IT'S TIME - JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

Help secure stakeholder commitment for Australia's coordinated peace campaign. Together we can build the political pressure needed to make peace our priority and achieve genuine independence.

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