



Make Peace a Priority

A National Campaign Initiated by



Building on decades of advocacy, IPAN provides the national coordination, credibility, and network foundation for this unified campaign.



Make Peace a Priority

Choose Diplomacy Over Destruction

Transform Australia's approach to international relations by institutionalising peace as the central organising principle of our foreign policy.

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Peace is not merely the absence of war, but the presence of justice, cooperation, and security for all nations.



The Challenge of Fragmentation

"There is probably more than a million people all working towards peace - but they are all in **silos**."

— Joe Camilleri



The 125th Anniversary: A **Vehicle** for Unity

This campaign provides a concrete vehicle for all peace and environmental groups to unite under an overarching umbrella – focusing on a single, historic moment.

Saturday
9 May
2026

125 Years Since Federation

Historical Significance

9 May 1901

First Parliament Opens



Australia's first federal parliament met in the Exhibition Building in Melbourne, marking the birth of our democracy.

9 May 1927

Parliament Moves to Canberra



The new parliament house was opened in Canberra, establishing the national capital as the seat of government.

9 May 1988

Current Parliament House



The new and permanent parliament house was opened on Capital Hill, symbolizing modern Australian democracy.



Why the 125th Anniversary Matters

This anniversary provides a unique opportunity to reflect on what true independence means for Australia

01

Historical Legitimacy

The anniversary gives us a platform to ask: Has Australia achieved genuine independence when foreign military bases operate on our soil?

02

Democratic Accountability

125 years of parliament, yet major military commitments like AUKUS bypass meaningful parliamentary debate and public consultation.

03

Strategic Timing

The campaign culminates at the ALP National Conference in July 2026, where the party's National Platform for the next three years will be debated.

04

Unfinished Business

True independence requires Treaty with First Nations peoples and a foreign policy that serves Australian interests, not those of foreign powers.



National Campaign Framework

A coordinated national approach with tailored themes for each major city, unified by our core demands for independence and peace.

Melbourne

Historical Hub

Canberra

Parliamentary Focus

Brisbane

Pacific Peace

Perth

Nuclear-Free West

Sydney

Media Capital

Adelaide

Community Power

Darwin

Anti-Base Action

Hobart

Island of Peace



Campaign Timeline to 125th Anniversary

Jan 2026



Resource Development & MP Briefings

Developing materials and conducting initial briefings with Ministers and MPs.

Mar 2026



High-Level Political Delegation

Delegation to Canberra to present the MPAP policy framework.

May 9



National Anniversary Events

Coordinated events in 8 major cities marking the 125th Anniversary.

Jul 23-25



ALP National Conference (Adelaide)

The campaign culminates here, where the party's **National Platform for the next three years** will be debated and agreed. This is a strategic opportunity to influence Labor Party policy on peace and independence issues.



Initial Proposals to Government

01

Expand Minister for International Development Role

Integrate peacebuilding responsibilities within the existing ministerial portfolio to ensure a dedicated focus on conflict prevention and resolution.

02

Consolidate All Areas Working on Peace

Ensure peace is given appropriate focus across government departments and agencies, breaking down silos to create a unified approach to security.

03

Increase Resourcing for Conflict Prevention

Provide additional funding for research bodies, increase resources for Australia's role on the Peacebuilding Commission, and expand diplomacy to pursue a peace agenda in the Indo-Pacific.



Coalition Building Strategy

Our aim is to build irresistible political pressure by uniting diverse sectors around shared interests and common threats.

Trade Unions

Connecting peace with workers' rights, job security, and economic conversion.

Environmental Groups

Highlighting the military's massive carbon footprint and resource drain.

Faith & Community

Mobilizing around ethical imperatives and humanitarian concerns.

First Nations

Centering sovereignty and land rights as the foundation of genuine peace.

Uniting against the devastating environmental and human costs of militarism.

■ The Military Carbon Footprint

Global militaries are the world's largest institutional consumers of oil.

War accelerates climate breakdown, destroying ecosystems and diverting critical resources.

■ The AUKUS Opportunity Cost

\$368 billion spent on nuclear submarines is money stolen from the renewable energy revolution. We must choose: an arms race or a livable planet.

■ True Security is Climate Action

The greatest threat to Australia is not a foreign power, but the climate crisis. Security means funding **disaster resilience**, not foreign wars.



Peace is Our Priority

\$368B

Wasted on AUKUS Submarines

We Choose To Invest In:

Public Healthcare & Pandemic Preparedness

Free Education from Early Childhood to TAFE

Urgent Climate Action & Renewable Energy

Affordable Housing for All Australians

Security comes from social well-being and environmental stability, not from fuelling a regional arms race.



An Independent Choice



Strengthening Relationships

International Role

Enhance Australia's role in international agencies working to achieve peace, providing a positive vision for the future.

Systemic Change

Working for long-term systemic change within existing social and geopolitical frameworks provides a pathway to lasting peace.

Social Cohesion

Addressing historical conflicts and value differences is essential to promote social cohesion and partner for positive regional change.

De-escalation

Moving towards an independent Australian defence—rather than US-led offence—serves to de-escalate tensions regionally and globally.

1. Join the Campaign

Connect with your local IPAN group and help build the coalition in your community.

2. Contact Your MP

Demand parliamentary oversight for war powers and an independent review of AUKUS.

3. Mobilize for May 9

Organize and attend the 125th Anniversary events in your capital city.

National Campaign

- ★ Melbourne - Historical Hub
- ★ Brisbane - Pacific Peace
- ★ Sydney - Media Capital
- ★ Darwin - Anti-Base Action
- ★ Canberra - Parliamentary Focus
- ★ Perth - Nuclear-Free West
- ★ Adelaide - Community Power
- ★ Hobart - Island of Peace

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A Vision All Australians Can **Aspire To**

Most Australians see peace as an objective worth striving for—they just need to know it is achievable.

Peace is many things to many people. By harnessing this inherent desire, we reinforce what unites rather than divides.

This proposal brings leaders from different backgrounds to a united approach to achieving peace.

"Peace as an objective helps unite our nation and our region."



The 125th Anniversary is
our moment to reclaim
our history

shape our future

Join the movement