

20 years since the Iraq war

Palm Sunday rally for peace and refugees

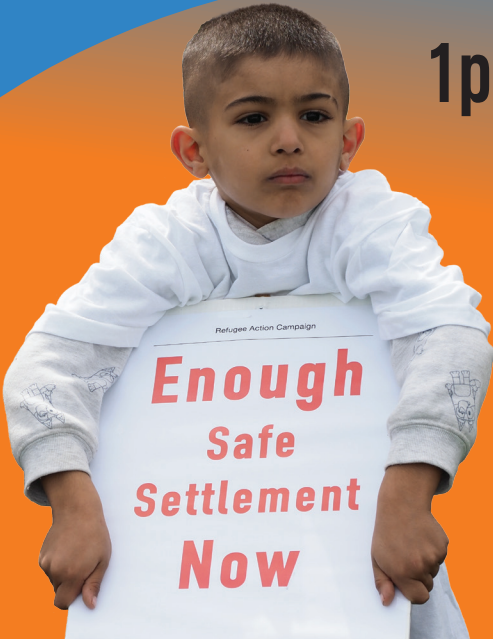
# Permanent Visas for Refugees

## Peace not war

End offshore detention

End the ban on Indonesian resettlement

No war on China, Cancel AUKUS, Peace in Ukraine



1pm Sunday

April 2

King George  
Square



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## RALLY FOR PEACE AND REFUGEES

MC: **Dr Peter Catt** - Dean of St John's Cathedral & chair of Australian Refugee Task Force

Speakers include: **Sai Vashini Jayakumar** - Tamil refugee      Former Senator **Claire Moore**  
**Peter Ong**, State Secretary, ETU      Former Senator **Andrew Bartlett**      **Mark Gillespie** - Refugee Action Collective

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### **Are you concerned about the recent AUKUS Nuc Submarine announcement?**

#### **Hugh White** **There is no threat from China** –

*“China today is certainly strategically ambitious, but there is no serious reason to fear that – the special case of Taiwan apart, its claim to which the rest of the world acknowledges – it seeks to conquer and absorb others’ territory.”*

#### **Malaysian Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob**      **A new arms race**

*“Aukus could potentially be a catalyst towards a nuclear arms race in the Indo-Pacific region, as well as provoke other powers to act more aggressively, especially within the South China Sea region*

#### **Dave Sweeney from Australian Conservation Foundation:** **Nuclear dangers**

*This arrangement further entangles Australia in the USA’s war-fighting plans. “It raises serious non-proliferation concerns relating to access to highly enriched weapons-grade uranium and sets a disturbing precedent for imitation and escalation.*

#### **Peter Garret, former Federal politician** – **nuclear proliferation.**

Australia will now be the only ‘non-nuclear’ nation that is in possession of nuclear submarines. This raises a series of critical questions in relation to the nuclear non-proliferation regime, and the management and disposal of nuclear waste.

#### **Paul Keating on** **military industrial complex profit makers**

*..through AUKUS, Australia is providing expensive support to the UK and US defence companies. The Australian Prime Minister. The US President and the UK Prime Minister could barely conceal their joy with A\$368 billion heading the way to their defence companies – in the UK, BAE Systems, in the US its east coast submarine shipyards.*

#### **Senator Rex Patrick (former submariner)** on **cost of AUKUS**

*The AUKUS nuclear submarine project will bleed the Australian Defence Force white”, topping the billions in Defence spending waste each year.*

#### **NSW Teachers Federation on** **wasteful AUKUS spending:**

*The billions wasted on submarines could be far better spent on expanding publicly owned renewable energy assets to fight the climate emergency, and to increase government funding of essential public services including health, education and welfare support.*

#### **David McBride (former Australian Intelligence Officer)** on AUKUS

*Its not about capability, it’s about sovereignty. We are about to become slaves to US foreign policy, forever. They now decide whether we live, or die. Our ancestors didn’t fight for that. Our children didn’t vote for it. We are Australian. Albo doesn’t have the right to sell us.*

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