

00:19:38 Liam (The Australia Institute): Hi all - Liam from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

00:20:13 Liam (The Australia Institute): A little reminder, the chat has options for 'all panellists' or 'all panellists and attendees'. Choose the latter option to participate in the chat with everyone.

00:22:17 Stephen Whale: thanks for the invite.

sitting on the edge of Moreton Bay watching this webinar

00:24:52 Glenn O: Hi from Wadawurrung country (Geetroit). Jeez, Scott Ludlum's intelligence and caring is missed in Parliament. Come back, puhleese!!!

00:25:55 Liam (The Australia Institute): Use the Q&A function at the bottom of the screen to submit questions for Scott and Alison to answer, you can also upvote other's questions you'd like answered.

00:26:10 Fred Engels: Greetings from Mandjoogoordap - Noongar name meaning 'meeting place of the heart'. Also known as Mandurah WA from the word 'mandjar', meaning 'trading place

00:27:08 Annette Brownlie: Alison is describing the reasons why there is a national Inquiry into the costs and consequences of Australia's involvement in US led wars- its time to register our views through this Inquiry <https://independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au/>

00:27:47 Liam (The Australia Institute): A little reminder, the chat has options for 'all panellists' or 'all panellists and attendees'. Choose the latter option to participate in the chat with everyone.

00:28:53 Fred Engels: I understand the only time we actually defended our nation by the ADF (Australian DEFENSE Force) was in PNG / Kokoda Trail etc. All the other times we fought for other nations in places that had no threat to Australia

00:31:40 Samuel White: Defence*

00:32:42 Annette Brownlie: The Alliance with the US is surely an important topic for another webinar.

00:33:11 Vivienne Porzsolt: I agree Annette

00:34:43 Annie Costin: Hoorah for the SES in NSW and also the offer of Military support for the recovery effort in the current catastrophe in NSW to support civilian and community recovery

00:36:48 Annie Costin: Agree with Alison and Scott on opportunity for constitutional change to ensure democratic responsibility to electors and accountability in government

00:38:08 Annette Brownlie: Prior to the Iraq war it was crystal clear that the majority of Australians opposed our involvement.

00:38:16 Nick Deane: Is the reluctance to conduct an inquiry into the 2003 Iraq war perhaps explained by the realisation that it would reveal the deficiencies in the War Powers process?

00:39:14 Sue Wareham: Should part of the process be a setting out to part of all the likely impacts of the proposed war on those who will be most affected- civilians in the places where we're

going to fight? ie briefings from key aid organisations, and questions as to who is going to pay for caring for them

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00:40:22 Annie Costin: What is the reason that the Australian government intends to be in the top 10 weapons exporters?

00:41:22 Anna Pha: It's worth remembering that not long after PM Gough Whitlam told Parliament that his government would not renew leases on Pine Gap and other US bases when they expired, it was not long after that there was a coup.

00:41:36 Pamela Collett: Good point Anna

00:41:39 Annie Costin: where is the discussion in government that weapons exports are an unethical way to raise revenue?

00:42:55 Gerard Biddle: Good question Annie. No discussion with the Australian people and now there is evidence that Australian weapons have been found in Yemen.

00:43:05 Annie Costin: Would a Ministry for Peace be helpful or Orwellian?

00:43:07 Pamela Collett: Thanks Annie and Gerard

00:45:17 Liam (The Australia Institute): Hi folks - a good article here on war powers <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-09-08/julie-bishop-correct-on-australia-history-at-war/5710696?nw=0>

00:46:29 Jenni Beattie: The Australian for War Powers Reform campaign website <http://www.besureonwar.org.au>

00:49:06 Vivienne Porzsolt: We have US military on our soil without a peep of discussion let alone decision by our Parliament

00:50:37 Gerard Biddle: <https://johnmenadue.com/australia-clinging-to-a-declining-and-aggressive-us-an-updated-repost/>

00:52:10 Gerard Biddle: And laser guide missiles from USA warplanes

00:52:26 Bernadette McPhee: Brilliant discussion, thank you all. All are welcome to enter submission here <https://independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au/> A Peoples' Inquiry exploring the case for an independent and Peaceful Australia . A conversation about the costs and consequences of Australian's involvement in US-led wars. All are also invited to a webinar tomorrow evening Thurs 25th 6pm AEDT Australia-US Alliance Webinar Series: Foreign Policy & Defence, rsvp at website above

00:54:24 Sue Wareham: Using weapons exports as a money-making thing normalises and promotes warfare.

00:54:42 Pamela Collett: How painful. Australian weaponry used to kill Yemenis

00:54:58 Vivienne Porzsolt: Absolutely, Sue!

00:55:35 Glenn O: Israeli arms company Elbit being welcomed to Victoria :(<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/global-innovator-elbit-establish-melbourne-centre>

00:55:56 Bernadette McPhee: Australia people do not want to profit from the industry of death and destruction! War mongering is obscene! No to these exports!

00:56:08 Annette Brownlie: Absolutely Sue This says such a lot about the 'values' of this government. Why aren't we as a nation leading on job creation through the transition to a fossil fuel future.

01:00:04 Gerard Biddle: <https://johnmenadue.com/war-crimes-what-war-crimes-nothing-to-see-here/>

01:00:12 Bernadette McPhee: I agree with your question above Annette, I have popped in in the Q & A

01:00:45 Annette Brownlie: Great points Scott

01:01:28 Gerard Biddle: <https://johnmenadue.com/its-time-to-decommission-aspi/>

01:02:07 Danielle Dunkley: that makes it all better.

01:03:06 Susanne Weress: What measures (eg. expanding the current focus on 'more women in Parliament'), private members bills, which MP's/Senators, which major party...would you propose/approach in steps to achieve your aims? I've been told - change to humanitarian Refugee policy, War Powers reform, less punitive policy toward the unemployed/casual employees - is better/even easier to get through during LNP Govt than during Labour. Why? - if Labour introduced such changes the LNP will vilify/crucify them at every chance. If the LNP do, Labour will ask reasonable questions, and pass it. We just haven't seen a constructive/Nation building LNP Govt for so long we've forgotten what that looks like.

01:03:28 Gerard Biddle: John Howard should have been tried in the International Criminal Court in The Hague for war crimes.

01:05:59 Gerard Biddle: We complain about China's presence in the South China Sea yet USA has big naval presence in the Indian Ocean threatening China courtesy of the British. We are such hypocrites.

01:08:01 Sue Wareham: A royal commission on veterans suicide might help to bring to light the problem of sending our troops to wars that they shouldn't be sent to

01:08:10 Pamela Collett: Thanks Sue

01:08:51 Patricia Yarrow: Why is "cut and paste" not possible in the Chat? It is in the "Q&A"? These post-meeting notes are invaluable.

01:09:15 Fred Engels: Speaking of hypocrisy - everyone jumps up and down about the Chinese and genocide. What about the genocide in West Papua?

01:09:33 Bernadette McPhee: Yes I believe there must be a Royal Commission on Vet Suicide, thanks Sue.

01:11:33 Annette Brownlie: Tomorrow evening Alison and Dr Vince Scappatura will address foreign policies and Australia's involvement in foreign wars unrelated to defence of our country. Check out the event on <https://independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au/>

01:13:35 Jenni Beattie: Australians for War Powers Reform campaign website <http://www.besureonwar.org.au> Join Us to make this change.

01:14:19 Sue Wareham: Good qu re ASPI; look at who helps fund them - those who profit from war

01:15:35 Liam (The Australia Institute): Thanks to all for joining us today and for participating in a fascinating discussion! For details about upcoming webinars and to book head to https://nb.tai.org.au/webinar_series

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01:15:36 Gerard Biddle: <https://johnmenadue.com/how-australia-sabotaged-its-own-interests-in-relations-with-china/>

01:16:05 Pamela Collett: Well said Over invest in arms and underinvest in diplomacy

01:16:16 Gerard Biddle: <https://johnmenadue.com/australia-clinging-to-a-declining-and-aggressive-us-an-updated-repost/>

01:16:21 Patricia Yarrow: Thank you for this panel.

01:16:33 Kristin Munday: Thank you so much

01:16:34 Danielle Dunkley: FREE ASSANGE

01:16:37 Fred Engels: Hold that up again Scott

01:16:55 Pamela Collett: Thanks Alison, Scott, Allan and AI for the great work you do! and yes FREE Assange... bring him home

01:16:59 Danielle Dunkley: Secret Australia

01:17:07 Liam (The Australia Institute): https://nb.tai.org.au/webinar_series - check here for future webinars!

01:17:09 Elizabeth Prime: Thank you to the panel and Ebony, a great discussion.

01:17:16 Gerard Biddle: Thank you TAI and guests. Another very good webinar

01:17:21 Sue Wareham: Thanks all, excellent panel

01:17:25 Casey Abel: Thanks!