

Peace ... For Climate Sake

Summary points of discussion: What we can do – Individually and collectively

Introduction

This summary is from discussion of the 50+ attendees at the **Peace ... For Climate Sake!** forum in June 2023. There were many excellent suggestions from different perspectives. We have attempted to record every suggestion that was expressed while attempting to avoid duplication. For ease of reading, we have grouped the suggestions. We have attempted not to favour one suggestion over another in this record, but tried to lay them out as clearly as possible so that individuals and groups can examine and take up for themselves what suggestions seem useful to them.

Learning

There is a need to learn more especially about AUKUS and the Revolving Door and Corruption.

We need to point people to reliable and valuable information.

Attending events like this forum are useful.

Keep ourselves informed.

Reimagining

Rethink our notions of 'security' and address the very urgent problems of climate change through lowering emissions & geo- engineering.

Describing alternatives to weapons as a way to achieve peace.

Rethink our ideas about security.

Joining and supporting groups

Groups that were mentioned included:

The Australia Institute

GetUp

IPAN Independent and Peaceful Australia Network

MAPW Medical Association for the Prevention of War

Against the Wind

WILPF

WPS Australian Civil Society for Women Peace & Security

WCC Women's Climate Congress

ARRCC Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

The Australian Democracy Network

The Greens

Building a Movement

We need a large movement to work against AUKUS – raise awareness, network and work together to inspire.

Groups need to work together.

We need to seek professional PR/communications advice as well as advice from people like John Minns on growing the campaign.

Letters to the Editor

Regular columns in newspapers

Posters in places like Smiths

Need to build larger multicultural audiences

Share information

Webinars

Share hope

No easy solutions – need for ongoing discussions and to keep working on it.

Integrity and Corruption

Bring a case to the National Anti-Corruption Commission.

Need to campaign for overarching, national, enforceable mechanisms to stop the revolving door phenomenon.

Support independence of the National Audit Office

Challenge narrow advice given to Government.

Challenge non-transparent systems

Further direct action

Tell people we go to events like this forum.

Provide information to conservative thinking people in a way they can relate to.

Marches for climate change

Personal letters to politicians

Encourage more non-major political parties.

Push politicians

Grandparents have the time – It's our job.

Fund researchers.