

A large, dark silhouette of a submarine is positioned in the background, extending from the left side towards the right. The submarine's conning tower and masts are visible against the dark blue background.

# THE AUKUS PACT

**Secretive and unaccountable**

**Public inquiry needed**

Scott Morrison's AUKUS pact was conceived in secret and the Australian people have never been consulted about the deal.

The Parliament has also been kept in the dark with no discussion or vote by MPs and Senators.

The massive costs involved – including at least \$368 billion for the submarines alone, and the creation of a high-level nuclear waste problem - along with the far-reaching military implications, should have rung alarm bells for the incoming Labor government.

But instead of a careful reassessment of the plan the Albanese government has intensified its commitment to AUKUS and much closer ties with the U.S. military.

**As it stands AUKUS should be halted and an in-depth public inquiry should be undertaken to reveal the full implications of the plan and who benefits from it.**

**NO WAR  
WITHOUT  
PARLIAMENT**



AUSTRALIANS FOR  
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# Is AUKUS really in Australia's national interest?

**In addition to the lack of consultation, AWPR has several serious concerns about AUKUS. These include:**

- The pact could draw Australia directly into any conflict between the U.S. and China over Taiwan – a war whose consequences would be catastrophic.
- The prospective visits from 2023 by US & UK nuclear-powered vessels to Australian ports for repair and resupply further militarise our region.
- Basing U.S. and U.K. nuclear-powered submarines at HMAS Stirling near Fremantle from 2027 will lock Australia even more closely into U.S. war-fighting systems.
- If Australia's own nuclear-powered submarines eventuate, they will be part of US plans for fighting nuclear war, which would pose an existential risk to people everywhere.
- The plan keeps Australia tied to a world dominated by superpowers and takes us away from a genuinely independent foreign policy.
- The submarine decision breaks – without any consultation – the long-held and accepted understanding that Australians reject nuclear power.

**Take action against  
AUKUS today**

**Write to, or meet with, your local MP to demand a public inquiry into AUKUS.**

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