

The Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 [Provisions] and Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 [Provisions]

Dear Elected Officials,

- I am opposed to AUKUS and reject the stated objectives of the Bill.
- The Bill includes wording "conventionally-armed nuclear powered submarines" in other arena's the Government has indicated there is a "don't ask don't tell" or "neither confirm nor deny" policy on nuclear weapons. There must be an explicit prohibition of nuclear armed vessels and public scrutiny and reporting.
- The Bill is far reaching and broad,
- The Bill does not include regulatory requirements for visiting US and UK nuclear submarines which under AUKUS will be continuously present in Australia.
- There is no public accountability - there are no reporting requirements to the public, regulators are given immunity from public scrutiny and overrides the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) - which does face public scrutiny.
- The Bill is not consistent with our obligations under the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty in that there is the potential for nuclear armed US and or UK vessels to be home ported in Australia
- Overrides local and state laws
- It does not apply to foreign military personnel