

## **US UK Exchange of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information Agreement (ENNPIA)**

Australia will have custody and day-to-day control of weapons grade high-enriched uranium. This is contrary to Australia's obligations under international law, specifically the NPT Non-proliferation Treaty to which Australia is a party.

Australia arguably has a need for defensive submarines whether conventionally or nuclear powered with sufficient range to patrol in "Australian" waters.

Australia does not have need for offensive submarines such as those seen by some to be needed with sufficient range to patrol in the East China Sea.

The ANZUS Treaty does not oblige Australia to join with the United States in armed conflict against China: the bare obligation is to "consult".

There should be in-depth public and parliamentary examination and consideration of the question of the need for and possible acquisition of defensive submarines by Australia before any decision is taken on acquisition.

The matter needs to be considered not only as a defence one but also in relation to competing and more immediate national needs and priorities.