

JOIN THE PEACE CONVERGENCE

Rockhampton – Yeppoon

July 10 – 13

Join us for peaceful, non-violent protests to say:

- ***NO to war games, no to militarisation, no to billions wasted on war, no to environmental destruction***
- ***YES to peace, security, jobs, prosperity and environmental protection***

We have permission from the traditional Darumbal owners to be on their land

Events include:

Friday, 10 July

- public meeting with speakers from USA and Australia

Saturday, 11 July

- giant hokey pokey at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area gate in Byfield
- mass flashing at dusk at the army base in Rockhampton

Sunday, 12 July

- blockade at the army base in Rockhampton
- 1pm march in Yeppoon
- 2pm rally, speeches and music on the beachfront in Yeppoon

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Stop Talisman Sabre



No war games

Stop Talisman Sabre!

THE WAR WHICH IS COMING

Is not the first one. There were
Other wars before it.

When the last one came to an end

There were conquerors and conquered.

Among the conquered the common people

Starved. Among the conquerors

The common people starved too.

Bertolt Brecht



The Australian Government is hosting Talisman Sabre, a huge US-Australian military exercise in July.

We oppose these war games because

- They are held on land which belongs to the Aboriginal people.
- They are designed to practice aggression and offensive military strategies, not to defend Australia or protect its people.
- They are intended to train Australian military personnel to take US military orders – the so-called “seamless interoperability”.
- The exercises will cost well over \$100 million, an obscene amount in these times of economic recession.
- They will cause serious environmental damage in a beautiful area near the irreplaceable Great Barrier Reef.

We call for people to join us to protest against the exercises at

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Nothing Spoils the Planet Like a War!

Military exercises are an unacceptable use of Australia's unique environment and ancient cultural heritage. Australia is the oldest continent on the planet. We should be protecting it for future generations, not bombing it to pieces.

- Talisman Sabre will use areas of high environmental significance, such as the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, and natural heritage listed sites.
- These areas are habitat to many migratory birds and threatened species. Shoalwater Bay is considered crucial to the stabilisation and recovery of local dugong numbers. The region also supports nesting sites for green turtles and endangered loggerhead turtles, critical feeding areas for turtles and dugongs and is also home to 26 species of dolphins and whales including humpbacks and the endangered Blue Whale.
- Environmental impacts include effects on air quality, fire potential, noise pollution, waste disposal and spills and erosion from amphibian craft landings and weapon target zones, collisions with marine mammals, and contamination from toxic chemicals including red and white phosphorus and perchlorate.

There are better things to do with our money!

Australia's current military spending of \$62 million a day steals the resources which should be funding human and social needs.

- An extra \$700 million (less than two weeks military spending) spent on public hospitals each year would overcome their critical problems.
- A percentage of military spending should go to upgrading public schools, reducing the cost of university education, supporting childcare, developing Medicare, assisting the needy in our community and creating jobs.
- Military spending creates far fewer jobs than spending the same dollars on civilian projects and businesses.

Only 30% of Australians support spending more on the military.

The Government gives priority to supporting US foreign policy, military spending and increasingly repressive social control. We want a focus on sustainable development, socially useful production and the needs of the community