**QPLC FLUTTER Raising your voice QF04-21
*small actions, big outcomes***

As a reminder, here are the themes of the Inquiry: Impact on First Nations’ Peoples, Social and Community, Political, Environment & Climate Change, Military & Defence, Economic, Foreign Policy, and Unions & Workers’ Rights

**Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) People’s Inquiry
The deadline for submissions has been extended to 16 August. Several Friends have already provided submissions to the Inquiry, some of which can be read at https://independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au/submissions/**

QPLC’s Action Alert AA20:7 (December 2020) about the IPAN People’s Inquiry provided useful information about the costs and consequences of Australia’s involvement in US-led wars and the US alliance, encouraging Friends’ participation.

IPAN is asking its member organisations, including AYM, to encourage our members to participate in the inquiry – hence this Flutter!

**If you have only a few minutes:** We urge you to take the IPAN Survey Monkey questionnaire and send it on to friends or other interested parties or organisations. It’s at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMMMKTS> (you may need to copy and paste the above address into your browser).

**If you have more time**: Meetings may consider inviting an IPAN representative to talk with your peace and social justice committee or Friends more generally, about the Inquiry. Details for IPAN contacts in each state and territory can be found at <https://ipan.org.au/who-we-are/>

**Not sure what to write about in a submission?** The Inquiry website: <https://independentpeacefulaustralia.com.au/> has background papers for each of the primary themes and information about making a submission, or you can make a ‘general’ submission. You can write a paragraph or use the full word limit (5000 words).

**QPLC suggests that your submission can:**

1. Urge the Australian Government to sign and ratify the nuclear weapons ban treaty, and urge nuclear weapons states to do so also, as in the interests of global peace.
2. Emphasize that an arms race in our region is counter-productive and that Australia should reduce its commitment to significant increases in weapons production and purchase/sale.
3. Suggest that IPAN establish a process for regular ‘report cards’ on Australia’s contribution to peacemaking in our region and beyond. UNAA used to do this in relation to Australia’s performance on UN goals.
4. Highlight the link between climate change and environmental damage as a major contributor to conflict, including in our region.

**Not sure how to send your submission?** Scroll to the bottom of the same Inquiry website page and follow the ‘make a submission’ prompts, or email it to ipan.inquiry@gmail.com. You can even post it to IPAN Inquiry, PO Box 573 Coorparoo QLD 4151. Your can even make a verbal submission, just send an email to ipan.inquiry@gmail.com with your request.