

Pleaes don't allow the Minister for Defence Peter Dutton to rush through the new proposed agreement with the US and UK that will take Australia one step **closer to having nuclear submarines**.

The Exchange of Naval Nuclear Propulsion Information Agreement allows the UK and the US to share nuclear submarine technology with another country for the first time.

Allowing the Australian public only **until Nov. 26 (less than four days) to submit their thoughts** on the agreement to the committee surely is not very transparent.

This lack of public engagement and transparency around the signing of a legally binding agreement that will see Australia develop nuclear submarines is extremely concerning, and shows **contempt for the Australian people and the democratic process**.

If this agreement passes Australia will be closer to acquiring nuclear submarines and in the process deny Australia the ability to act independently. It will also see Australia complicit in dangerous regional tensions, undermine global cooperation on nuclear non-proliferation, endanger the environment and waste billions in public funds during a pandemic and economic recovery.

Please instead consider ratifying the ICAN nuclear weapons ban treaty.

Yours sincerely, Keri James.