

G'day,

I'm sorry I was late to notice the ad for this inquiry.

I do support establishment of the Red Crystal, and the provision of medicare and dental treatment to ADF members and their family.

but I am particularly interested in the stated purpose :

*to provide that the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap is a special Defence undertaking and a prohibited area.*

Last year the public learnt of the role of this war base in the unpopular, illegal and unjustifiable invasion of Iraq. So when I read in Joel Fitzgibbon's second reading speech that the purpose of the Bill is

*"to deter mischief makers and those with more sinister intent"*

I recognise the need to remind the committee that the real mischief makers, those with the greatest sinister intent, are those who work at the war base, and those in turn who give them orders.

The election of the ALP Government came in a climate of disgust and dissatisfaction with the previous government's ill-considered pursuit of war, based on a blatant lie and pursued in defiance of overwhelming opposition among the Australian population. So it is disappointing to recognise that the incoming government has not only maintained the previous government's schedule for our nation's involvement in an illegal U.S. war, but is now acting to entrench the position of a vital U.S. war base in the heart of our country.

I stand in solidarity with those who have, and will, violated security at Pine Gap in the interests of peace.

we don't want U.S. wars,

we don't want U.S. war bases,

and we don't want a parliament populated with puppets of the U.S empire.

I do not support the Bill in relation to Pine Gap.

I recommend we should instead close the war base, cancel the lease; and in its place build a base for peace.

Please keep me informed of your progress towards these obvious and important goals.

thanks,

Justin Tutty