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- ★ Organise a bus to travel to the protest
- ★ Send a banner to Adelaide
- ★ Write a letter to the government
- ★ Join us at the protests and peace festivals on:

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NO WAR FAIR! STOP APDSE!



**MORE
WEAPONS
MAKE US
POORER
NOT SAFER**

CLOSE THE ASIA-PACIFIC DEFENCE AND SECURITY EXHIBITION

MORE WEAPONS BRING MORE INSECURITY

What about jobs?

We have to plan for new products, new markets, civilian research and development and retraining programs.

Excessive military spending is harmful

Military spending produces fewer jobs than other types of spending.

For every \$1 billion cut from military spending and reinvested in civilian programs, up to 7,000 additional jobs would be created. (US figures)

More weapons make us poorer, not safer

There is a connection between wars and military activity and global warming. *The single institution generating more carbon emissions than any other is the United States military.*

Global warming demands that countries change their foreign policies. It is now more urgent than ever to eliminate wars.

The destruction of weapons stockpiles is good. Ending research and the production and sale of new weapons is even better.

BAN THE MERCHANTS OF DEATH

MAKING A KILLING

Wars for resources

The United States and some other countries are waging aggressive wars to plunder resources, to control markets and raw materials, impose “regime change” and suppress the struggles of the people of many countries for independence. In other countries, violence is used to suppress internal struggles against exploitation and injustice, against racism and dictatorships.

There are over 14 major armed conflicts going on around the world today, including Iraq, Kashmir, Afghanistan, Somalia, Colombia, the Philippines, Palestine and Sri Lanka. Armed conflicts are now the leading cause of world hunger with the effects of HIV/AIDS and climate change not far behind.

The weapons needed to wage the wars and inflict repression are advertised and sold at arms bazaars such as APDSE.

Military spending rising

World military spending went up 65% in the last 10 years and reached \$1370 billion per year in 2007. This corresponds to \$206 for each person in the world. The United States accounted for 45% of this increase and spent more on the military than the rest of the world combined. This year the Rudd Government will spend \$62 million every day on the military.

The Federal and South Australian Governments are backing APSDE and offer large subsidies to the merchants of death to make SA “the defence state”.

Profitable vicious circle

Arms sales set up a highly profitable vicious circle – our neighbours buy better weapons, then the military complains about losing its technological edge and demands more sophisticated equipment. The government allocates more to military spending – and the money comes out of health, education and welfare budgets.

APDSE is another venue for the merchants of death to make more profits from buying and selling ever more efficient machinery to mutilate and kill.

It is one more example of the diversion of urgently needed resources, the waste of technology, the destruction of the environment, the poverty, the suffering, the killing.

BITE THE BULLET

The Rudd Government must bite the bullet and stop Australia’s involvement in the arms trade.

Weapons do not counter threats that spring from injustice and hunger.

Australia should be investing in the region to solve problems and create goodwill rather than selling weapons to local oppressors.

Real security

Security cannot be guaranteed by ever greater numbers of ever more sophisticated weapons. Real and enduring security comes with jobs, steady food supplies, homes, clean water, warmth, education and health care, democracy and human rights.

Military spending cuts investment in services for the people and diverts funds and workers from civilian research and sustainable development.

Human security relies on addressing the causes of social disadvantage, political injustice and environmental degradation.

