

# Peace & Non Violence Commission

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AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS ACTION PLAN  
PEACE & NON VIOLENCE COMMISSION  
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*In a world so consumed by violence we consider it to be a major shortcoming that there is no statutory body in Australia that has peace and non violence as its specific objective. The humanitarian, environmental and economic cost of war and violence are enormous and there are substantial advantages in peaceful co-existence, whether for individual relationships, the family, in schools, in the community or internationally.*

## Our Action Plan

*“Non violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind”*

**Mahatma Gandhi**

Establish a Peace and Non Violence Commission to promote peace and non-violence as a responsibility of national government and to:

- align Commonwealth government activity with United Nations policy
- advance Australia's obligations under international humanitarian law
- provide a counterpoint to those who would take us down a violent path.

The PNVC would set up offices of:

- **Peace Education and Training** to develop a peace education curriculum for all educational levels that will include the civil rights movement, peace agreements and circumstances in which peaceful intervention has worked to stop conflict.
- **Domestic Peace Activities** to counter the underlying factors that give rise to terrorist acts and to build social cohesion and foster peaceful conflict resolution and to develop policy to address substance abuse and crime.
- **International Peace Activities** to advocate for a multinational non-violent force, sponsor conflict prevention and dispute resolution initiatives and provide for reconstruction and demobilisation in war-torn societies.
- **Technology for Peace** to provide grants for the research and development of technologies that are non-violent and encourage the conservation and sustainability of natural resources in order to prevent future conflicts.
- **Arms Control and Disarmament** to make recommendations for reductions in weapons of mass destruction and provide advice on Australia's obligations and negotiations in international agreements relating to defence and security.
- **Peaceful Coexistence and Non-Violent Conflict Resolution** to encourage diversion of resources and thinking from armed conflict to the non-violent resolution of disputes
- **Human and Economic Rights** to assist in incorporating the principles of human rights into all agreements between Australia and other nations and develop strategies for sustainability and management of aid funds.

The Democrats bill to set up a Peace & Non Violence Commission can be accessed at <http://parlinfoweb.parl.net/parlinfo/browse.aspx?NodeID=61>



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