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Position Statement: Why No War

Project SafeCom opposes the current invasion of Iraq because

1. The attempt to free Iraq from Saddam Hussein is the cloak that hides the USA dagger aiming at total control of the Middle East: principally, a policy of extreme aggression. From the core US policy documents it becomes clear that humanitarian reasons, or reasons of 'Liberating Iraqis', have no bearing in any way, shape or form to the US decision to invade Iraq.
2. The neo-conservative USA policy naming countries including Saddam's Iraq is more than ten years old, and it was reaffirmed in 1997 by the Neo-conservative think-tank "The New American Century" - and again a year ago in the 'Pax Americana' policy document. It suggests clearly and openly the intent to dominate the Middle East for American self-interests.
3. One of the chief agendas for the USA is the control of the oil-rich countries - and interwoven with that, is that the key agents in the policy formulation are also those in significant positions of control of the oil industries, such as Dick Cheney, Jeb Bush, George W. Bush, Condoleezza Rice, Donald Rumsfeld, Donald Evans, James Baker
4. If just five percent of the cost of the current war on Iraq would be forwarded to a few sustainable technology Universities for research and implementation of alternative, clean and green fuels and energy generators and harvesters, the world could sign Kyoto-like treaties much stricter than is the case at the moment, and this could be done within a very short period - we are talking about one to two to three years.
5. The advance of alternative fuels and energy is covertly but aggressively resisted by the oil companies, but the Bush government actively, and as we will find out in the future, corruptly, supports this agenda of the oil companies. Its current policies aim at maintaining the status quo of the American oil companies, in this way maintaining the foundations of the 20-century ("Old America") economy in the USA
6. "Conservative" in the Bush and also the Howard administration means a flagrant denial of what was gained in Western societies since the 1970's: the advance of the 21 Century consciousness, which supports equality between races, sexes, people with different abilities, and people from different religious and cultural persuasions. In the case of the Howard government this has meant a wanton destruction of Aboriginal self-determination policies started under Hawke and Keating; introduction of the 10-point plan under WIK legislation - which breaches Australia's anti-discrimination legislation on at least three points; erosion by as much as 60% annually, of the funding to State Equal Opportunity and anti-discrimination Commissioners; the closure of Australia's borders for people from non-Christian countries and cultures - assisted a great deal by the vilification of refugees from middle-eastern countries; and an abdication of government responsibility for pollution and climate control by suggesting that industry self-regulation will make things all right. In the politicisation of CSIRO under the Howard government a major focus on 'burning coal better' has appeared, which constitutes a return to fossil fuels, an unsustainable form of energy.
7. The Howard government as well as the Bush Administration has covertly, systematically and with as few words as possible, blatantly undermined the role of the United Nations as well as the United Nations Refugee Agency UNHCR.

Howard did that by screwing the UN Refugee Convention through a raft of amendments to the Migration Act, resulting in permanent damage to the psyche of thousands of tortured refugees, as well as numerous deaths in detention and amongst refugees in the community - thereby breaching

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most international human rights conventions to which Australia is a signatory; by joining with the US in the current war Australia again ignores International conventions set out by the UN.

The USA did that by leaving the US Contributions of millions of dollars to UNHCR simply unpaid for more than eight years, while last year by stating in the New American Century policy that it aims at "peace-keeping missions as 'demanding American political leadership rather than that of the United Nations' ". The Bush government further flagrantly ignored UN conventions in their treatment of the Guantanamo Bay prisoners, who were classified so the UN Conventions had no authority for them. The current war simply dismisses the UN Security Council and poses a challenge to the UN as never before - in a unilateral way.

8. In both the USA and Australia very serious questions remain unanswered as to the legitimacy of the current governments: Bush came to power by disabling of thousands of votes under Florida State law, where thousands of people were declared to be "felons", making them unable to vote; in Australia Howard lied and falsified facts about boat people in order to sway a predicted eight-seat win by Labor - and snatch election victory for the Liberal-National Coalition.

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