

NO WAR



ON iraq
No Australian involvement!

RALLY for

Act now to stop another Middle East war !

- All-out war on Iraq will cost thousands of innocent lives and further destabilise the Middle East. An estimated 250,000 Iraqi people died in the 1991 attack by a US-led coalition – over 70% were civilians.
- Twelve years of economic sanctions have resulted in the unnecessary deaths of hundreds of thousands of people, especially children and the elderly.
- This war is not about Iraq's military strength, which has been severely disabled since the 1991 Gulf War. Says White House spokesman Ari Fleischer: 'The policy of the US is regime change, with or without [weapons] inspectors.'
- When George W. Bush talks about 'regime change' he means replacing a brutal dictator he doesn't like with a brutal dictator who will do his bidding, as in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.
- UN resolutions on disarmament and human rights will only work if they are applied equally, without fear or favour. All the nuclear powers and all Middle East states must abolish their stocks of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.
- Concern about weapons of mass destruction means a world-wide move to reduce armaments and arms sales, not selling huge amounts of weapons into Middle East countries and then bombing them into oblivion.