

Disarmament questions for candidates

Election 2023: Let's get disarmament on the agenda



Disarmament policy

- Does your party have a disarmament policy?
- Does your party have a disarmament spokesperson?
- Does your party support having a specific Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control? (The portfolio is specified in the NZ Nuclear Free Zone, Disarmament, and Arms Control Act 1987)

Ban autonomous weapon systems

- Does your party support a national ban on autonomous weapon systems? (Autonomous weapon systems, also known as killer robots, are weapon systems that use artificial intelligence and sensors to select targets and attack independently, without any meaningful level of human control)

Increase disarmament diplomacy

- Does your party support an increase in the level of resourcing for disarmament diplomacy?

Promote welfare, not warfare

- Does your party support a reduction in annual military spending? (Budget 2023 allocation = \$ \$6.6+ billion, average \$127.5+ million per week, military spending is consistently under-reported so check the latest figures, <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/gdams.htm>)
- Does your party support the planned multi-billion dollar combat capability upgrade?
- Does your party support a shift in foreign policy to focus on promoting sustainable peace?
- Does your party support a transition from armed forces to a civilian coastguard and other agencies for fisheries and resource protection, search and rescue, and humanitarian assistance?
- Does your party support New Zealand joining AUKUS or any other military alliance?

It would be really helpful if you can let us know about any replies you receive, who the reply was from, and the date - please email to Peace Movement Aotearoa, icanz@xtra.co.nz - thank you



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