

## What can I do?

Our government listens to public pressure - just think about our nuclear-free status. We can change the government's support for the 'War on terrorism' You can get more involved in mobilising people against the attacks on the people of Iraq and Afghanistan with Peace Action Wellington. The group is open to all with an interest in peace, justice and self-determination. Email us or visit the website:

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*[www.peacewellington.org](http://www.peacewellington.org)*

You can also put make your voice heard by signing the 'Not in Our Name' pledge available on the Peace Movement Aotearoa website:

*<http://www.converge.org.nz/pma>*

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& SELF-  
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## We demand that the NZ Government

- **Bring back the Navy frigate**
- **Shut down the spy bases**
- **Recall the troops committed to the 'War on Terror'**

## How can we stop terrorism?

If the world community is serious about reducing terrorist attacks, we should start by providing adequate food, clean water, and sanitation for the 3-4 billion people on the planet who currently live everyday without these basic necessities. Instead of spending billions on guns and bombs, we could use this money for medical care and education.

We can also reduce the threat of terror by giving tangible effect to international law and UN Security Council Resolutions, such as the one calling for Israel to withdraw from the Occupied Territories.

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## Attack on Afghanistan: An immoral response

We all want to live without fear and violence, but the 'War on Terrorism' is impossible to win. It is a false war that has no clear definition, objectives, or end. The 'War on Terrorism' is in fact the new means for controlling everyday life, repressing dissent, and fostering intolerance.

The attack on 11 September 2001 was used as a justification for the bombing and invasion of Afghanistan. This is despite the fact that the hijackers were from Saudi Arabia, not Afghanistan, and that the Taliban government offered to hand over Osama bin Laden for trial in Pakistan.

The US invasion of Afghanistan has not succeeded in making the world a safer place. It has only succeeded in killing more than 3000 people, and installing an ineffectual puppet government in Kabul.

## New Zealand's role

New Zealand was quick to offer up assistance to the United States. After all, ending terrorism IS a very good idea. Unfortunately, supporting an attack on the people of Afghanistan is hardly the most effective way to combat terrorism.

New Zealand's first offer was for the SAS, a group of highly trained combat soldiers. These troops were involved in identifying targets and directing bombing raids that resulted in the deaths of innocent people.

New Zealand's on-going role in Afghanistan has been in the form of Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs). These soldiers are part of the 'hearts and minds' propaganda campaign intended to win over support for a US-puppet government in the Afghan capital, Kabul, and support for the takeover of Afghani natural resources by multinational corporations.

## Attack on Iraq - this is getting ridiculous

The cluster bombs were still falling on Afghanistan when the Bush administration prepared to invade Iraq. Throughout 2002, the rhetoric was stepped up about the 'imminent threat' posed by 'Saddam's Weapons of Mass Destruction'. US cable TV was running a 24-hour news channel called 'Countdown to Iraq'.

The bombing and invasion of Iraq by the USA and UK has killed thousands of innocent people, and is drawing the troops into the quagmire of an indefinite occupation, to which resistance is growing daily.

The Bush administration has now admitted that they had no new evidence of a threat from Iraq. Some of the evidence they claimed to have was in fact forged, and that Iraq may not actually have any 'Weapons of Mass Destruction'.

## New Zealand's role

The New Zealand government refused to support the initial invasion of Iraq without a UN mandate. But NZ sent troops in support of the British forces in Basra in June 2003 and keeps its frigate and Orions in the Gulf to escort US supplies. NZ also remains a part of the US 'military intelligence' network through the Waihopai spy base, providing information to the US military.

