

NCA REFUSES SILENT PEACE VIGIL ON ANZAC PARADE

CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE DAY, 11 AM, 11 NOVEMBER, 2018

Canberra citizens are planning a **Gathering for Peace** on Remembrance Day to stand in silent commemoration of the victims of war. We wish to silently honour those Australians and others who suffered the slaughter of World War I, and those who did not fight but whose lives were devastated by the war. The message will be *"Honour them – Promote Peace"*.

However, the National Capital Authority is denying permission for such a gathering because Anzac Parade is *"reserved exclusively for the 2018 Remembrance Day Commemorations."*

While the peace message is marginalised, the Australian War Memorial welcomes the sponsorship of the world's largest weapons-maker, Lockheed Martin, for its Remembrance Day activities. The weapons industry made vast profits from World War I.

One wonders what the World War I diggers would have thought of officialdom finding no room for ordinary citizens with a message of peace, on a day and in a space that belongs to all of us. Is this the sort of Australia they fought for?

PLEASE HELP US OVERTURN THIS NCA DECISION

MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN TO:

- NCA at nca.events@nca.gov.au,
- the Director of the Australian War Memorial **Dr Brendan Nelson**, at brendan.nelson@awm.gov.au, and the
- Canberra Times at letters.editor@canberratimes.com.au.

Please join us on 11 November.

Email Michelle Fahy mfahy.mapw@gmail.com if you would like to be kept updated about this event.

Enquiries to the Medical Association for Prevention of War:

Dr Sue Wareham, phone 0407 924 152, or
Michelle Fahy, phone 0415 848 641.



www.mapw.org.au

Petition to the AWM to urge cessation of weapons company sponsorships:
<http://bit.ly/NoWeaponMakersAtAWM>

“Let silent contemplation be your offering”

Inscription on Anzac Memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney

