

**PETITION TO CANBERRA AIRPORT GROUP:
WE CALL ON YOU TO STOP ARMS INDUSTRY PROMOTION AT CANBERRA AIRPORT.**

Signed by 1,564 people. October 2015

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT:

If you ever come through Canberra Airport, one of the main gateways to our national capital, you are likely to receive a "welcome" from some of the world's biggest arms manufacturers. Raytheon, BAE, Lockheed Martin, and ThyssenKrupps have all had big display ads there.

Austal is also there, proudly stating that its vessels are "delivering Australia's border patrol capability".

The ads are inappropriate.

- They give the feel that one is entering a military-industrial complex that is preparing for war.
- They help to normalise warfare and big military spending, and present a sanitised image of what weapons do.
- They are inappropriate for refugees and others from war-torn countries, and inconsistent with Canberra's new status as a Refugee Welcome Zone.
- They do not reflect the Canberra community or its many beautiful natural and cultural attractions.

The No Airport Arms Ads (NAAA) campaign has met with the airport management, who say that they refuse ads that they deem "offensive". People who come from war zones might have very different views from airport executives on what is offensive.

Canberra Airport are proud of their image in the community. Please sign the petition to show that arms advertising is unwanted and undermines their image.

Open arms, not lethal arms, for Canberra Airport. It's time for the arms ads to go!