

Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament Commission

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Prof Richard Tanter, says Rudd's proposal for a Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament Commission comes close to work of Gareth Evans and the Canberra Commission in the 1990s, which came close to an abolitionist position in a report dropped by Alexander Downer. Tanter says DFAT knows nothing about its details at the moment, but he expects it to reinvigorate the treaty review process. Tanter says this will need to involve looking at our relationship with the US, and climate change as a legitimisation of expansion of nuclear power and Aust's uranium enrichment. Tanter says Aust could push hard for the criminalisation of nuclear weapons, and use this for illuminating Japan's nuclear activities. Tanter discusses the changing attitudes of the Japanese population to nuclear weapons after WWII.

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