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## **AUKUS – EXPENSIVE FOLLY?**

**Manning Clark House, 11 Tasmania Circle, Forrest, ACT**  
**Sunday 29 October at 3pm**

Allan Behm, Head of the International and Security Affairs program at the Australia Institute, will discuss AUKUS, and whether nuclear submarines and increased defence spending will deliver increased national security. He will also consider Australia's cultural and historical experiences that have shaped our security thinking.



As well as being head of the International and Security Affairs program at The Australia Institute Allan Behm spent 30 years in the Australian Public Service, as a member of the Australian diplomatic service, the Prime Minister's Department, the Department of Defence and the Attorney General's Department. Allan specialised in international relations, defence strategy, counter-terrorism and law enforcement policy. He was Chief of Staff to Minister for Climate Change and Industry Greg Combet (2009-13) and senior advisor to the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Penny Wong (2017-19). He is a sought-after public speaker and media commentator, has authored a number of books, and has lectured on strategy and policy at universities and the Australian Defence College.

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