**Labour CND model motion for local Labour Parties**

**AUKUS military pact**

This [name of Ward / Constituency] Labour Party

Notes

1. Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s announcement that Britain has signed the AUKUS military pact with US and Australia which he claims ‘will promote stability in the Indo-Pacific region’;
2. this includes assisting Australia develop nuclear-powered submarines, replacing Australia’s contract with France for non-nuclear powered submarines;
3. the development of nuclear-powered submarines is likely to include the supply of weapons-grade enriched uranium by the UK and US; and
4. the opposition of the Maritime Union of Australia to wasteful environmentally harmful military spending and call for investment in health and jobs.

Believes

1. far from promoting stability, AUKUS is encouraging a new Cold War with China and damaging UK relations with France and Germany; and
2. supplying weapons-grade uranium to a non-nuclear weapons state to power military submarines is in breach of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty which stipulates that exchange of nuclear technology must be for peaceful purposes.

We therefore

1. congratulate conference delegates for passing an emergency motion on AUKUS by 70.35% of the total vote; and
2. join conference in calling for Labour to oppose the AUKUS agreement, uphold the party’s long-held commitment to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and support appropriate action to de-escalate the situation and repair the diplomatic damage done.