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Born UK, 2 May 1953

Educated in Perth, Western Australia - BA in History and Philosophy, from Univ WA.

Worked on nuclear fuel cycle/nuclear power issues with Friends of the Earth, 1977-1999; in Melbourne 1977-84; Sydney 1984-2007. Now with People for Nuclear Disarmament, from 2007 to present.

Nuclear Flashpoints Project in Sydney, NSW, Australia.

Co-convener and founder, Human Survival Project, from June 2012 with Prof. Peter King

Worked on nuclear reactor safety problems in Poland and Slovakia, doing critiques of reactor safety at the Mohchovce and the R4K2 upgrade projects.

In 1998/99, worked on the Jabiluka uranium project, generating massive correspondence to the World Heritage Committee via a web-based campaign and a resolution in the European Parliament and the Australian Senate.

Originated the texts of over 20 resolutions on nuclear disarmament in the Australian Senate from 1998-2008 (largely via Senator Lyn Alison) plus resolutions on India-Pakistan nuclear testing in 1998 and 2003 in the UK and Brazilian parliaments.

In 1999 (up to present) worked on a global campaign to lower the operating status of nuclear weapons over the Y2K rollover, resulting in

--resolutions in the Australian Senate

--a unanimous resolution in the European Parliament

--a letter signed by over 600 NGOs and parliamentarians to presidents Yeltsin and Clinton.

Involvement at some level in a total of three resolutions on aspects of nuclear disarmament (with an emphasis on operating status) between 1999 and 2006 in the European Parliament.

In 2004/5, together with Doug Mattern of the Association of World Citizens, put together

an appeal on nuclear weapons operating status that was signed by 44 Nobel winners and endorsed by the European Parliament. That led to the adoption of an 'Operational Readiness of Nuclear Weapons Systems' resolution sponsored by Chile, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, and Switzerland in the UN General Assembly in 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2012. It was most recently passed (2012) by 145-4 in First Committee and by 164-4 in the General Assembly Plenary.

Have written a number of widely supported letters signed by hundreds of organisations and parliamentarians on nuclear weapons policy to the Indian and Pakistani governments, notably in 2003 when Indo-Pak nuclear war was a real possibility. This letter resulted in media coverage and in an 'early day motion' in the UK parliament calling for a peaceful resolution that became the most widely supported EDM ('Early Day Motion') ever.

Have written many letters to the US government and relevant Congressional committees. Most recently, wrote to President Obama and members of Congressional committees on security and strategic forces (Nov 2012), urging the US to prioritise nuclear disarmament as an 'existential issue', just as the UN General Assembly does.

--Panels/workshops in the UN in October 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 together with Steven Starr of PSR, US nuclear weapons expert Hans Kristensen, and former Soviet Strategic Rocket Forces Colonel Valery Yarynich, designer of Russia's 'Doomsday Machine', with detailed papers on nuclear weapons operating status/operational readiness. A number of these panels have been held in conjunction with the Swiss, New Zealand, and Chilean governments.

Panels/workshops at NPT Prepcoms and the 2010 Revcon in May 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012.

Organized lecture tours to Sydney for Steven Starr, Kate Dewes, Hans Kristensen of FAS and Colonel Valery Yarynich.
Made significant input into the recent study carried out by Hans Kristensen for the Swiss government on operational readiness of nuclear weapons systems.

Organising talk by Prof. Alan Robock of Rutgers University on catastrophic climatic consequences of nuclear weapons use for Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies/PND/Human Survival Project, held 25 Jan 2013, and preparing to present a workshop/panel on 'Nuclear Weapons and Human Survival' at the upcoming NPT Prepcom in Geneva in late April 2013.
Joint founder with Prof. Peter King, of the 'Human Survival Project'.