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Protest marks 3rd anniversary of Iraq invasion

**3 years on, 100,000 Iraqis dead:
How many more dead?
How much longer?**

NoWar SA spokesperson, Stephen Darley said today that his anti-war group will mark the 3rd anniversary of the invasion of Iraq with mobile protests at three different times at the intersection of King William Street and North Terrace in Adelaide. Protesters will carry placards around the intersection at 7:30am, 12pm and 5pm.

Mr Darley said "NoWar aims to have a quiet protest that emphasises the brutality and grievous loss of life brought about by this needless and illegal war."

"Three years after the invasion of Iraq the country remains in chaos and on the brink of civil war. Militias attached to the U.S-dominated Iraqi government seem to be responsible for much of the inter-communal murders. The Middle-East as a region is less stable and terrorism has increased not diminished."

Mr Darley stated "It has been estimated that in the three years since the invasion over 100,000 Iraqis have died while the living face a complete breakdown in law and order and an ongoing lack of essential services."

Noting the 3rd anniversary protests in other parts of the world this past weekend, including in the US, Mr Darley stated "American anti-war sentiment continues to mount as the number of US dead passes the 2,000 mark. George Bush's popularity is at an all time low and continues to decline as Americans see no end in sight to their involvement in Iraq. In spite of this John Howard continues to give a blank cheque of support for the occupation. The Australian government is also increasing military spending on weaponry to complement future U.S. interventions".

NOWAR spokespersons Stephen Darley (8242 5121) and Mike Khizam (0439 401 090), are available for media interviews.