Dear [Parliamentarian],

Congratulations on your election in the seat of [Electorate] as a member of the Albanese Labor Government.

**As my parliamentary representative, I write to request a meeting with you to discuss the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, at a date and time of your earliest convenience.**

The UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons became permanent international law in January 2021. It is the first treaty to comprehensively outlaw nuclear weapons and provide a pathway for all nations to pursue disarmament. It rejects any role for nuclear weapons, based on their unacceptable humanitarian impacts.

Following a decision of the Australian Parliament, signature and ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons can now proceed under the Albanese Labor Government. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese himself has said that the support of this treaty is ‘Labor at its best’. It is essential now that the Labor Party enact its platform to sign and ratify this landmark treaty, first affirmed in 2018 and again in 2021.

70 years have passed since the British were granted permission by the Australian government of the day to test nuclear weapons at Monte Bello, Emu Field and Maralinga. The humanitarian impacts of these nuclear tests continue to be felt today by the survivors, descendants of the communities affected by the radioactive fallout.

Australia has joined all the pre-existing multilateral disarmament treaties. These include the bans on chemical weapons, biological weapons, anti-personnel landmines and cluster munitions. Joining the nuclear weapon ban treaty is consistent with an ongoing alliance with the US. Some of our regional neighbours including New Zealand, Thailand and the Philippines, have already demonstrated this.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss these events and Australia’s role under an Albanese Labor Government in ridding the world of these abhorrent weapons.

Kind regards,

[Name]

[Address]