ABOUT THE CITIES APPEAL:

Nuclear weapons pose an unacceptable threat to people everywhere. This is why all national governments are now invited to sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

This crucial global agreement prohibits the use, production, possession, threat of use and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and lays the foundations for their total elimination.

Australia is not yet a state party to this landmark treaty, which makes nuclear weapons illegal under international law.

The ICAN Cities Appeal is the mechanism by which councils can participate in the nuclear weapons debate of our time.

“...This is a crucial issue for cities and towns because nuclear weapons, by their very nature, target civilians, our homes and workplaces.

As local government bodies, we have a duty to protect our constituents from the escalating threat of nuclear war.”

Dr Brad Pettitt
Mayor, City of Fremantle

Mayors for Peace Lead City in Australia

Towns, shires and cities from across Australia can help build support for the treaty in rural, regional and metro areas, by endorsing the ICAN Cities Appeal.

WHY SHOULD AUSTRALIA JOIN THE TREATY?

Australia has joined treaties prohibiting chemical and biological weapons, landmines and cluster munitions. Australia cannot claim to support nuclear disarmament if it fails to join the nuclear weapon ban treaty. Seven out of ten Australians want our government to sign and ratify (Ipsos, July 2020). This is an urgent humanitarian issue for all people.

The Australian public supports action on nuclear disarmament.

WHO CAN JOIN THE CITIES APPEAL?

This appeal is for local governments across Australia. Wherever they are, cities and towns can be champions in addressing the world’s most urgent existential challenges.

COUNCILS IN SUPPORT OF THE APPEAL:

More than 30 Australian councils have endorsed the Cities Appeal.

Internationally, the Cities Appeal has been joined by hundreds of local councils including Hiroshima, Paris, Washington DC, LA, and Berlin.

Lord Mayor of Newcastle
Nuatali Nelmes and ICAN Board member Dr Sue Wareham, OAM.