

To the CEO, Mayor and Councillors of _____,

In 2017, 122 nations voted to adopt the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Sadly, Australia is yet to sign and ratify this landmark Treaty. The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons 'Cities Appeal' provides the opportunity for cities and towns across Australia to declare their support for the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and call on our leaders in the federal parliament to sign and ratify it without delay.

The following petitioners request that _____
join other Australian cities expressing their support for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons as an urgent humanitarian imperative.

- We request that Council endorse the ICAN Cities Appeal urging the Australian Government to sign and ratify the Treaty.
- We further request that Council communicate its endorsement to the Prime Minister, Foreign and Defence Ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, shadow foreign and defence ministers, and leaders of all political parties represented in the Australian Parliament.
- We finally suggest that council take steps to ensure that council funds are not invested in companies that produce nuclear weapons.

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The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for its work to draw attention to the catastrophic humanitarian consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and for its ground-breaking efforts to achieve a treaty-based prohibition of such weapons. This is the first Nobel Peace Prize with its origins in Australia.