



As independent parliamentarians, we reaffirm our commitment to work for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Every nuclear weapon that exists is a humanitarian catastrophe waiting to happen. Nuclear weapons do not promote security, they undermine it. We don't accept the everlasting presence of these weapons. We must all work to put them in the past.

We recognise the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is a powerful contribution to this work, complementing the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty.

We welcome the Labor Party's reaffirmed commitment to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and the government's decision to observe its Second Meeting of States Parties from 27 November to 1 December 2023.

We urge the Government to advance its signature and ratification of the Ban Treaty without delay, to bring Australia in line with our South-East Asian and Pacific island neighbours and the international majority on the illegality of nuclear weapons. This is something we can, and must do.

Yours sincerely,

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