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Dear Minister,

[Australia Signing the Treaty for the Prevention of Nuclear Weapons \(TPNW\)](#)

The strength of the TPNW is that it concentrates on **nuclear weapons**.

A second strength is that **it works**: As with land mines, biological and chemical weapons' treaties, signing them, first by less powerful countries, increasingly led to their eventual signing by the major powers, and thus freed the world of these harms.

The third strength of the TPNW is that it is **comprehensive**: banning the manufacture, testing, threat and use of nuclear weapons

Fourth, Australia has played an important role. The Nobel Peace Prize winning **International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)** which lobbied so effectively for the TPNW, **was founded in Australia**.

It is to our peril if we do not take care of our planet. Accidental, terrorist, and other mishaps with nuclear weapons will be catastrophic, even if nations begin disarming.

Increasing the stockpile – with \$72.6 billion spent on the nuclear industry by taxpayers world-wide in 2020 -- not only makes life more dangerous, it impoverishes it. It is not in Australia's or any country's real interest.

We urge you to ensure that Australia signs the TPNW.

Peace,

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