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Subject: Your motion submission has been received

Your motion submission to the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) has been successfully received! Your motion will be reviewed by the ALGA Board Sub Committee for NGA. ALGA will notify your council if your motion has been accepted to be debated at the NGA. If you have any questions at all, please call us on 02 6122 9400 or email alga@alga.asn.au. Thank you, ALGA Team

Motion:

Nuclear weapons pose an unacceptable threat to people everywhere. That is why the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) was adopted in July 2017 by 122 member states of the United Nations.

The TPNW is the first treaty to comprehensively outlaw nuclear weapons, setting out a pathway for their total elimination.

Nuclear dangers are increasing worldwide, and with more than 13,500 nuclear weapons still in existence the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons is a humanitarian imperative.

This National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association urges the Australian Government to sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

National Objective:

Australia has yet to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and support for it from local to global is more important than ever.

A motion calling for the Australian Federal Government in signing and ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons would propose a clear action and outcome.

Australia has a role to play in banning and outlawing these indiscriminate and inhumane weapons, for good.

Such a motion, in the lead up the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, would signify a humanitarian call from cities and towns across the nation for Australia to join the 35 states parties and 80 signatories (currently) to this landmark treaty.

Summary of Key Arguments:

- In addition to acting locally to encourage and support a safe, healthy and connected community; councils have a responsibility to consider the catastrophic, persistent effects of nuclear weapons on our health, societies and the environment.
- As cities are the main targets of nuclear weapons, local government has a responsibility to act to protect citizens from the threat of nuclear conflict.
- Globally, cities and towns have long championed the promotion of peace, as evident in the wide-spread membership of the international Mayors for Peace network which has 7863 member cities in 163 countries, including 90 Australian cities.