



15.2 Cr Katherine Copsey – ICAN Cities Appeal

I, Councillor Katherine Copsey, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 October 2019:

That Council:

1. Notes that our City is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.
2. Supports the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and calls on our Federal Government to join it.
3. Requests that the Mayor send an email to info@icanw.org indicating that the City of Port Phillip endorses the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Appeal.
4. Writes to inform the Foreign Minister and local federal representatives that the City of Port Phillip has endorsed the ICAN Cities Appeal.
5. Issues a press release announcing that the City of Port Phillip has joined the call for the national government to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
6. Take steps to ensure that funds administered by the City of Port Phillip are not invested in companies that produce nuclear weapons, with reference to the information available at www.dontbankonthebomb.com.

Supporting Information

Nuclear weapons pose an unacceptable threat to people everywhere. This is why on 7 July 2017, 122 nations voted to adopt the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. All national governments are now invited to sign and ratify this crucial global agreement, which prohibits the use, production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and lays the foundations for their total elimination. Cities and towns can help build support for the treaty by endorsing the ICAN Cities Appeal.

ICAN was founded in Melbourne in 2006. Since then, the campaign has been endorsed by 22 cities throughout Australia and many more across the world. Port Phillip's Sister City Obu is member of the Mayors for Peace network (as is Port Phillip). In Japan, Mayors for Peace and its network of over 1700 Japanese cities support the ICAN Cities Appeal.

The ICAN campaign was the 2017 recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.