

# AUSTRALIAN CELEBRITY APPEAL

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**THIS APPEAL WILL BE  
PRESENTED TO THE  
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT  
AHEAD OF THE SECOND  
NEGOTIATING SESSION FOR  
A NUCLEAR WEAPONS BAN  
TREATY, IN JUNE 2017**

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endorsement by emailing  
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We, the undersigned, call on the Australian government to support the upcoming United Nations negotiations for a treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons.

There are still around 15,000 nuclear weapons in the world today – enough to destroy the entire planet, and everything we love, many times over.

Despite this unparalleled destructive potential, nuclear weapons remain the only weapons of mass destruction not yet outlawed. It's beyond time to change this.

The atomic bombs dropped on Japan in 1945 killed more than a quarter of a million people. The only way to prevent their use again is to ban them now.

Australia – as a country that has also experienced the devastating impact of nuclear weapons – should be at the forefront of global efforts to achieve a ban.

The British nuclear tests conducted here in the 1950s and 1960s rendered vast tracts of Aboriginal land uninhabitable and dispersed radiation far and wide.

After decades of intolerably slow progress on nuclear disarmament, a majority of the world's nations are finally ready to act. We call on the Australian government to participate constructively in the negotiations.

Let's stand on the right side of history and work to make nuclear weapons a thing of the past.

