

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape - MoN - Cities Appeal - Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty

Tuesday, 11 June 2024
Council

Council Member
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor
Snape

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Snape will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council:

Formally endorse the following text of the Cities Appeal:

"Our city/town 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. Therefore, we warmly welcome the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2017, and we call on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay."

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Council first formally resolved to declare the City of Adelaide to be a Nuclear Free Zone at its meeting on 27 February 1995. This position was subsequently reaffirmed by Council at its meeting on 24 July 2000.
2. City of Adelaide supported a Motion presented to the National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association in June 2021 that called on the Australian Government to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (the Treaty).
3. In response to correspondence received in March 2024 from the Medical Association for Prevention of War and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom seeking Council's support for Australia to sign the Treaty, the Lord Mayor wrote to Mr Steve Georganas MP, Federal Member for Adelaide, asking that he support Australia's signing the Treaty.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable

Budget reallocation	Not applicable
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4 hours.

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