

AUSTRALIA AND THE BAN TREATY NEGOTIATIONS IN 2017

A roundtable meeting
for ICAN partner
organisations and
friends.

**FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY '17
10AM - 12:30PM
AT AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL,
79 MYRTLE ST
CHIPPENDALE
SYDNEY**

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In one of its final acts before the end of 2016, the UN General Assembly approved a resolution launching negotiations for a treaty to outlaw nuclear weapons in 2017. The first of two negotiating sessions will begin in March.

Disappointingly, the Australian Government voted against the resolution, choosing instead to side with the United States. The Government has not yet indicated whether it intends to participate in the negotiations. Failing to take part in the process will cast serious doubt on Australia's commitment to disarmament, and the UN in general. Australia is increasingly isolated in our region, as almost all Pacific nations joined the global majority to support the negotiations.

discussion points

- How can we pressure the Australian Government to participate in the ban treaty negotiations?
- How can we ensure the voice of Indigenous communities affected by nuclear testing will be heard during the negotiating process?
- How can we persuade the Australian Government to support a treaty banning nuclear weapons?
- How might the Trump presidency encourage Australia to reject any involvement with the US nuclear arsenal?
- What can we all do to grow the movement for a ban in Australia?

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons is a civil society campaign coalition that started in Melbourne. It is now a global movement working to inspire, pressure and persuade governments to prohibit nuclear weapons, in light of their devastating humanitarian impacts.

This meeting is intended as an update and action planning session with partner organisations and interested individuals based in Sydney.

Image: ICAN campaigners at the UN in Geneva in 2016.

