



The Medical Association for Prevention of War (MAPW) works for the elimination of all weapons of mass destruction and the prevention of armed conflict.

We aim to reduce the physical, psychological and environmental effects of war.

We advocate that human and technological resources be used for human and environmental wellbeing, rather than the manufacture and purchase of weapons.



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Here are just a few of the things we've achieved over the last year

Working for a world free of the threat of nuclear war

- Worked with representatives of Australia's new government to persuade them to make nuclear weapons abolition a priority.
- In May 2008, MAPW Vice-President Assoc. Prof. Tilman Ruff was accepted on to the Australian government delegation to a nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty meeting in Geneva, ensuring our views were heard by government representatives.
- Over the past year MAPW has supported the global roll-out of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear weapons (ICAN), a major new international campaign to raise awareness of the urgent need to abolish nuclear weapons.
- Published and distributed widely a 24-page updated guide to the nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty.

On nuclear industry dangers

- MAPW has advocated the removal of weapons grade uranium, in medicine. The Australian government has now raised this issue in a nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty meeting.
- Documented the link between nuclear power and the proliferation of nuclear weapons. After campaigning by MAPW and others, nuclear power has now been dropped by both major parties.
- Opposed uranium sales, especially to India and other nuclear weapons states.

Campaigning for peace, health and human rights

- Commenced actions to highlight the dangers of Adelaide's arms trade fair, the Asia Pacific Defence and Security Exhibition, due to open on Remembrance Day, 11 November 2008.
- Launched a new website, providing accessible quality news, information and resources for our campaigns for peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons.
- Consistently called for Australian troops to be brought home from Iraq, drawing attention to the health costs of this and other wars.
- Issued a Prescription for Health and Security for the 2007 elections calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons, for the phasing out of the nuclear industry, and real climate change solutions.

And networking for peace

- Our active student members ran a successful regional conference in July 2007 and are working on a July 2008 Global Health international student conference in Melbourne. Seven student members were supported to attend the March 2008 Delhi IPPNW student conference.
- Helped found an Australia-wide anti-cluster bomb coalition in 2007.
- Prepared numerous media releases and opinion pieces on matters of importance to MAPW; liaised with many people in many organisations; and briefed parliamentarians on a variety of policies in the 2007 federal election lead-up.

But we need to do more. Join us today – www.mapw.org.au

