



## Quaker Peace & Legislation Committee

### WATCHING BRIEF 21-3: PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON THE NUCLEAR TREATY

*As Quakers we seek a world without war. We seek a sustainable and just community. We have a vision of an Australia that upholds human rights and builds peace internationally, with particular focus on our region. In our approach to government, we will promote the importance of dialogue, of listening and of seeking that of God in every person. We aim to work for justice and to take away the occasion for war.*

*April 2021*

The **Australian Parliamentary Friends of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** was launched on 30 June 2020. The objective of the group is to provide a non-partisan forum for MPs to meet and interact with nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation advocates on matters relating to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and to discuss ways to ensure the Treaty's success into the future. The group is co-chaired by Ged Kearney MP (Australian Labor Party), Senator Jordon Steele-John (Australian Greens) and Ken O'Dowd MP (The Nationals), and has members from the Australian Labor Party, Australian Greens, the Liberal Party, Centre Alliance, the Nationals as well as independents. <https://icanw.org.au/parliamentary-friends-of-the-tpnw-is-launched/>. Information about the Treaty is on the ICAN website <https://icanw.org.au/>

A list of all current Friendship Groups can be found at:  
[https://www.apf.gov.au/About/Parliament/Parliamentary\\_Friendship](https://www.apf.gov.au/About/Parliament/Parliamentary_Friendship)

#### **We ask Friends to write to Parliamentarians on the list below**

Friends are encouraged to send an email or letter (Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600) to members of the Friendship Group thanking them for supporting the Treaty and encouraging them to talk with other Parliamentarians. If your MP or Senator is a member of this Group, a visit or phone call to their office would be particularly effective as your vote matters to them and they would value your community links.

Encouraging members of this Parliamentary Group sends a clear message that the Australian people are aware that the prohibition of nuclear weapons is part of international law.

Although not included in their Special Platform Conference held in March 2021, it's worth noting that 'ridding the world of nuclear weapons, including through support for the Treaty', remains part of the Labor Party National Platform.

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### **What is a Friendship Group?**

Australian Parliamentary Friendship Groups which are not country-specific are recognised for the term of a Parliament and are required to reapply for formal recognition at the commencement of each Parliament.

Friendship Groups must:

- be open to all Senators and Members
- be apolitical
- be clearly defined
- have no sponsorship from external organisations
- have a Chairperson and Deputy Chair
- have a membership of at least 10 current sitting senators and members

**Members of the Parliamentary Group are listed below.**

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