

Thank you for facilitating public comment on the Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill 2006.

I whole heartedly support this Bill and wish to convey my appreciation and support for the authors demonstrable moral fiber and ethical principles upon which it has been created.

These sub munitions technologies such as "cluster bombs" are a seeming back door to the laying of land mines by other means, through their residual unexploded payload they pose the abhorrent long term ability to indiscriminately kill and maim anyone; man, woman or child, civilian, peace keeper, ally and enemy combatant alike.

It is my belief that Australians cherish and love humanity and all acts by Government that place our defense personnel directly or by the aiding and abetting of allies in the acquisition and operational use will further degrade the moral and ethical standing of Australia in the international community.

Thank you for your consideration

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