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Dear Sen. Bishop,

Just Peace is a group of people in Brisbane who work together for peace and social justice in the community and in the wider world

We are pleased to learn that our government is playing a positive role in the Convention on Cluster Bombs. But it has been brought to our attention that the Australian draft legislation will remove the condition that those bombs should not be used "under any circumstances".

Our concern is that the removal of that condition leaves the option of using these appalling bombs with people who may not see the ongoing horrors resulting from their use. It seems incredible that such a decision could be made by a soldier operating in a war zone where death and destruction is everywhere. No one man should have to carry such a decision for the rest of his life.

Please reconsider the wording of our legislation and include the words "under any circumstances". The rejection of these weapons by countries such as our own will surely result in manufacturers decisions to stop production.

In Peace

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