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NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLORS ANDREW ANTHONY, DEIDRE STUART, KIT DOCKER AND JESS WHITTAKER - COMMEMORATING 80 YEARS SINCE HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI

Councillors Anthony, Stuart, Docker and Whittaker have submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“We formally move that Wollongong City Council –

- 1 Acknowledges the 80th anniversaries of the atomic bombings of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on 6th and 9th of August 1945; honours the memory of the more than 210,000 people who died; and recognises the ongoing suffering of survivors (Hibakusha) and their descendants.
- 2 Continues our commitment to annually marking Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day through public acknowledgement and community engagement, as an opportunity to reflect on the humanitarian consequences of nuclear warfare and to promote peace.
- 3 Reaffirms its commitment to peace, community safety, and the protection of human life and the environment.
- 4 Recognises the continuing threat posed by nuclear weapons and the catastrophic impact their use would have on cities, civilians, and ecosystems globally.
- 5 Reaffirms our support for International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Appeal, which supports the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- 6 Calls on the Australian Government to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons without delay.”

Background provided by Councillors Anthony, Stuart, Docker and Whittaker:

As we approach the 80th anniversaries of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings in August 2025, it is timely to reflect on the devastating human toll of nuclear weapons and to reaffirm our city's support for disarmament. The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Appeal is a global initiative calling on cities and towns to support the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The City of Wollongong endorsed this appeal on 12 February 2019.

Wollongong is also a member of the Mayors for Peace network, established by the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In 1980, Council declared Wollongong a “Nuclear Free Zone” and reaffirmed this declaration in 2006 and again in April 2022. In February 2021, Council passed a motion celebrating the entry into force of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.