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Anti nuclear groups applaud PM's Hiroshima initiative

Leading Australian anti nuclear groups congratulated Prime Minister Kevin Rudd for his announcement that Australia will set up a new international body to push for nuclear disarmament.

Dr Sue Wareham OAM, President of the Medical Association for Prevention of War, and Australian Board Member of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, said that Mr Rudd should also be applauded for visiting Hiroshima – the first Australian Prime Minister to do so.

“His call for the world to make a fresh resolution to work for a world free of nuclear weapons is timely, Dr Wareham said. “Support for the abolition of nuclear weapons is growing around the world, with new initiatives including our successful launch of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) last year.”

“We look forward to working with Gareth Evans as head of the new commission, and hope that he will incorporate the roadmap to disarmament set out in the model Nuclear Weapons Convention put forward by ICAN and tabled at the UN last year.”

“An increasing number of prominent figures, most recently the Dalai Lama, are now supporting the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, and nuclear disarmament has now become an issue in the US election campaign”, Dr Wareham concluded.

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