

This is *unacceptable* harm



Dear Minister,

I welcome Australia's active participation in the Oslo Process to develop a treaty to ban cluster munitions. I note that cluster munitions have created humanitarian problems in every conflict in which they have been used, and have killed and maimed thousands of civilians, most after the conflict has ended.

I request that the Australian Government support the strongest possible treaty. I ask that Australia oppose any loopholes in the treaty, including any that would:

- Allow troops from countries that sign the new treaty to benefit from the use of cluster munitions by allies that do not sign the treaty;
- Create a 'transition' period in which cluster munitions could be used by countries that have signed the treaty; and
- Allow countries to keep cluster munitions for training and research.

Yours sincerely,

Signed _____

Name _____

Address _____



Front: Six year old Abdullah was injured by a cluster submunition during a strike in Basra, Iraq in 2003. Submunitions were scattered over a residential area - smashing through the windows of his house as he slept, the shrapnel cut off his arm and tore open his abdomen. Photo courtesy of DCA Archive.

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