

Aotearoa New Zealand Cluster Munition Coalition members:

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Chronology of Campaign Activities

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Public support has been critical in our campaign's achievements including the highly successful [Wellington Conference](#) and the [Super Fund's](#) decision to divest from companies that produce cluster munitions. Our campaign actions and successes are listed below and online here: <http://www.stopclusterbombs.org.nz/take-action/>

2011

Dec. 19: New Zealand Labour retains its disarmament portfolio, held by MP Maryan Street

Dec. 16: The New Zealand Greens reinstates a specific disarmament portfolio held by MP Kennedy Graham

Dec. 12: The government disbands the Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control by incorporating the responsibilities into the portfolio of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Nov. 25: New Zealand and 50 other states successfully defeat creation of a new Convention on Conventional Weapons protocol permitting cluster munitions

Nov. 4: ANZCMC writes to Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Sweden, UK as well as New Zealand urging no new law on cluster munitions at the Fourth Review Conference of the Convention on Conventional Weapons

Oct. 28: The ANZCMC writes to all political parties with General Election questions on cluster munitions. National, Labour, and the Greens respond.

Sep. 22: ANZCMC coordinator Mary Wareham participates in the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, in Lebanon

Sep. 2: ANZCMC writes to the Minister of Finance concerning disinvestment from companies involved in the production of cluster bombs

Aug. 29: Cook Islands ratifies the Convention on Cluster Munitions after passing national implementation legislation

Aug. 11: ANZCMC event in Wellington with MP John Hayes to count down to the Second Meeting of the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Lebanon

Jul. 6: First meeting of the NZ Working Group on Landmines and Cluster Munitions, comprising both ANZCMC and CALM

Jul. 5: ANZCMC coordinator Mary Wareham speaks to the UNYANZ model UN conference in Wellington

May. 27: In a letter to Australia's New Zealand representative, High Commissioner Paul O'Sullivan, the ANZCMC urges Australia to fix its proposed legislation to implement the ban on cluster munitions

May. 2: In a letter to Thailand's New Zealand representative, Ambassador Noppadon Theppitak, the ANZCMC expresses deep concern over Thailand's use of cluster munitions

Apr: The ANZCMC welcomes actions by New Zealand parliamentarians to promote the cluster munition ban with parliamentary representatives from around the world

Feb. 9: ANZCMC issues a report on its activities at the First Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions, held in Lao PDR in November 2010

Feb. 2: ANZCMC issues a statement on the retirement of New Zealander Thomas Nash, international coordinator of the Cluster Munition Coalition

Jan. 30: ANZCMC issues a statement on the death of Pacific campaigner Andy Piau-Lynch

Jan. 20: ANZCMC makes a submission to Australia's Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade on the Criminal Code Amendment (Cluster Munitions Prohibition) Bill 2010

2010

Nov. 10: Minister of Disarmament and Arms Control, Hon. Georgina Te Heuheu, visits cluster munition-contaminated Xieng Khouang province in Lao PDR

Nov. 8: ANZCMC welcomes New Zealand's contribution of NZ\$1.1 million to clearance of cluster bombs in Lao PDR;

Nov. 4: ANZCMC coordinator Mary Wareham received a contribution from Rangitoto College (Auckland) students of NZ\$4,000 (USD \$3,046) for cluster bomb victims in Lao PDR

Nov. 1: Cambodia's Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand responds to an ANZCMC letter urging its accession to the Convention on Cluster Munitions

Oct. 20: Final ANZCMC campaign meeting – establish Working Group on Landmines and Cluster Munitions

Oct. 6: New Zealand promotes Convention at the Inter-Parliamentary Union assembly in Geneva

Sep. 24: Minister of Foreign Affairs Murray McCully welcomes the Convention in New Zealand's statement to the annual opening of the UN General Assembly

Aug. 3: Minister te Heuheu hosts parliamentary reception to celebrate entry into force of the Convention

Aug. 1: ANZCMC celebrates entry into force of the Convention with drumming + film event in Wellington's Civic Square

Jun. 7-9: New Zealand govt and ANZCMC participate in global meeting on the convention, held in Santiago, Chile

May. 31: 13th ANZCMC campaign meeting held in Wellington

May 28: ANZCMC meets with diplomatic representatives of Argentina and Vietnam to push for the cluster bomb ban

Apr. 28: Samoa ratifies the Convention on Cluster Munitions

Apr. 23: ANZCMC launches 100-Day Countdown to entry into force of the Convention on Cluster Munitions

Feb 16: New Zealand's Minister of Disarmament and Arms Control and ANZCMC issue statements welcoming the 30th ratification of the Convention

2009

Dec 22: Ambassador Jim McLay deposits the New Zealand's instrument of ratification to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. New Zealand is the 25th state to ratify, followed later that day by Belgium.

Dec 17: New Zealand's Governor-General Sir Anand Satyanand signs the bill into law

Dec 15: ANZCMC reception in Wellington to celebrate the law and pending ratification

Dec 10: Cluster Munitions (Prohibition) Bill passes its second and final reading in an expedited debate

Nov. 16-17: New Zealand official and ANZCMC coordinator attend regional conference on the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Indonesia

Oct. 21: New Zealand attended a UN special event on the Convention on Cluster Munitions held at the UN in New York

Sep. 27: In an address to the opening of the UN General Assembly, New Zealand Prime Minister John Key welcomes the cluster bomb ban and New Zealand's role in its creation

Sep. 24: The ANZCMC coordinator appears before the FADT committee to present submission endorsed by sixteen members suggested a number of measures to strengthen and clarify the proposed legislation.

Sep. 14: Ambassador Don MacKay and ANZCMC coordinator give a talk on cluster munitions to students at Victoria University in Wellington

Aug 20: ANZCMC coordinator talks about cluster munitions at Auckland University

Aug 12-13: ANZCMC coordinator talks about cluster munitions at New Zealand Red Cross in Wellington and at Canterbury University in Christchurch

Aug. 12: ANZCMC remembers cluster bomb victims in Georgia and Lebanon by writing to urge cluster bomb users to renounce the weapon; Russia responds.

Jul. 28: First reading of the Cluster Munitions Prohibition Bill, which is referred to FADT select committee

Jul. 21: The Cluster Munitions Prohibition Bill is introduced in the NZ parliament

Jun. 21: ANZCMC writes to FADT Select Committee members on ratification

Jun. 18: 12th ANZCMC campaign meeting

May 29: ANZCMC issues press release on global week of action & new HRW report

May: Parliamentary committee (FADT) issues a treaty examination report recommending the government “expeditiously” progress national implementation legislation

Apr. 24: ANZCMC writes to Murry McCully on Afghanistan

Mar. 7: ANZCMC launches new YouTube video on Dublin negotiation

Feb. 9: 11th ANZCMC campaign meeting

2008

Dec 3-4: New Zealand signs the Convention on Cluster Munitions in Oslo, Norway together with 93 other governments.

Oct. 27-31: Ban Cluster Bomb Adshel posters by DraftFCB are displayed in 50 locations around Auckland and Wellington as part of a global week of action against cluster munitions. ANZCMC issues action alerts to encourage ban support by Brazil, Malaysia, Poland, Thailand and Vietnam.

Oct. 7: 10th ANZCMC campaign meeting

Sep. 3: ANZCMC protests Georgia’s use of cluster bombs in South Ossetia

Aug. 15: ANZCMC protests Russia’s use of cluster bombs in South Ossetia

Aug. 13: Pax Christi and ANZCMC members hold a vigil in Auckland to remember cluster bomb victims from Lebanon and pray for none in Georgia

Aug. 11-14: ANZCMC outreach at Pacific Regional Civil Society Organization Forum in Auckland

Jul. 21: 9th ANZCMC campaign meeting

May 30: The Convention on Cluster Munitions is adopted in Dublin, Ireland by 107 states including New Zealand. New Zealand’s Ambassador Don MacKay and ANZCMC Coordinator play important roles in ensuring the creation of this new agreement.

Apr. 28: 8th ANZCMC campaign meeting
Apr. 19: In support the second Global Day of Action, ANZCMC members hold a demo urging the Super Fund to divest now, a statement by 86 faith representatives is published in the Sunday Star Times. A new film by the ANZCMC’s award-winning agency DraftFCB is released on the campaign’s YouTube site.

Apr. 4: The Board of Guardians of the New Zealand Superannuation Fund announces that it will divest from companies that manufacture cluster munitions after the ban treaty is opened for signature at the end of 2008.

Mar. 10: 7th ANZCMC campaign meeting

Feb 22: A total of 82 governments endorse the Wellington Declaration committing them to negotiate a cluster bomb treaty in Dublin, Ireland in May 2008.

Feb. 20: More than 1,000 people participate in a chalk ‘lie-down’ petition-gathering event in Civic Square, Wellington to express their support for the cluster bomb ban. That night at Parliament, a delegation of cluster bomb survivors hands over a total of 3,367 petitions to the Minister of Disarmament and Arms Control Hon. Phil Goff.

Feb 18: The week-long Wellington Conference on Cluster Munitions opens at the Town Hall. The ANZCMC hosts the international civil society delegation, comprised of 147 campaigners from 43 countries.

Feb. 16: 6th ANZCMC campaign meeting

Jan: A group of Australian NGOs unite to form the Cluster Munition Coalition Australia.

Jan. 18: 5th ANZCMC campaign meeting

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Dec. 17: 4th ANZCMC campaign meeting

Dec. 7: At the conclusion of the Vienna Conference, ANZCMC member Oxfam NZ issues a press release urging New Zealand to do its best in hosting the next global meeting of the Oslo Process in February 2008.

Nov. 28: The New Zealand Herald runs a multiple page “find the cluster bomb” advertisement prepared by communications agency DraftFCB on behalf of the ANZCMC.

Nov. 8: Australian photographer John Rodsted completes a speaking tour after talking to audiences in Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, and Auckland about his experience documenting civilian casualties to cluster bombs.

Nov. 5: On the first global day of action against cluster bombs, the ANZCMC launches its public campaign with a stunt over Wellington involving an airplane drop of thousands of cluster bomb shaped petition flyers

Sep. 27: 3rd ANZCMC campaign meeting

Jul. 27: Second ANZCMC campaign meeting (always held in Wellington unless otherwise noted)

Mar 22: New Zealand NGOs meet and agree to form the Aotearoa NZ Cluster Munition Coalition (ANZCMC) appointing Mary Wareham of Oxfam NZ as their coordinator