



## Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control

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Mary Wareham  
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Dear Mary Wareham

Thank you for your letter of 22 August regarding allegations of cluster munitions use in the recent conflict in Georgia.

Both Georgia and Russia have made claims regarding the conflict, including that the other has used cluster munitions and that significant civilian harm has resulted.

Given the humanitarian suffering caused by cluster munitions we condemn any use of cluster munitions which cause unnecessary and unacceptable harm to civilians. New Zealand is continuing to follow up on the reports of cluster munitions use in Georgia and I would be happy to receive any further information you receive on this.

The Government also remains committed to the Oslo process and values our partnership with civil society in driving this process toward a Convention on Cluster Munitions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Phil Goff'.

Hon Phil Goff  
Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control