



PRIME MINISTER

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On 6 August 1945, an atomic bomb devastated the city of Hiroshima. Since that day, the world has lived in the shadow of nuclear weapons.

Forty years after the end of the Pacific War, nothing more clearly signifies the determination of Australia and other South Pacific countries to emerge from that shadow than the current efforts of the South Pacific Forum to achieve a Nuclear Free Zone in our region.

On behalf of the Australian Government, I renew our commitment to use all the influence we have to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and to encourage all nuclear weapons states to reduce and ultimately eliminate them through balanced and verifiable arms control agreements.
