

The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull, MP  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Prime Minister

**Re: For a peaceful resolution to the North Korean conflict**

With North Korea's latest missile launch, there is little doubt that 'hawks' within the USA's military network will be urging President Trump to initiate some sort of military retaliation.

It is most unfortunate that this country's military stance is so closely entwined with that of the USA. It means that whenever the USA takes military action, Australia feels obliged to join that action in the belief (what I consider an erroneous belief) that such displays of 'loyalty' somehow make our nation more secure.

If there is military action on the Korean Peninsular, it will be a disaster. If Australia, which already has ships taking part in the US-led military exercises that are taking place in the region, were to join the USA in any action, we would do nothing but add to the suffering of the people of that region.

The last thing the people of the world need is war, especially nuclear war. One way to de-escalate the situation would be for Australia to make it very clear to the rest of the world that it will not join the USA in any military venture aimed at North Korea. 'Fire and Fury' is not appropriate in this situation (or any other, for that matter). It is time for you, as our leader, to speak out for a peaceful resolution to the situation on the Korean Peninsular.

A good first step would be for Australia to sign the UN treaty to prohibit all nuclear weapons.

Sincerely

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