

LANDMINE FACT SHEET

The International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) was launched in 1992:

- to ban the use, production, stockpiling and transfer of anti-personnel mines
- for countries to sign the Mine Ban Treaty (Ottawa Convention) that came into place in 1997
- to increase resources to assist landmine survivors, clearing landmines and mine education.

What is a landmine?

- A landmine is ammunition designed to explode with minimum pressure just by contact with a person. It is deliberately designed to injure or kill.
- There are 141 countries participating in the **Anti-personnel Mine Ban Treaty** as at January 2004.
- The 44 countries who have **NOT** signed the treaty include China, North and South Korea, Myanmar, India, Israel, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, the USA and Vietnam.



Photos courtesy of <http://australia.icbl.org/facts/hrm>

- There are 82 countries affected by landmines (as at 2002).
- 15 countries continue to produce anti-personnel landmines.
- Each year the estimated new casualties is 15,000-20,000 and 90% of those are civilians.

AUSTRALIA does not produce, possess or use cluster bomblets. However, our key allies, Britain and the United States, are major producers and users of cluster bombs. They are just as deadly as landmines and particularly attractive to children!!!!

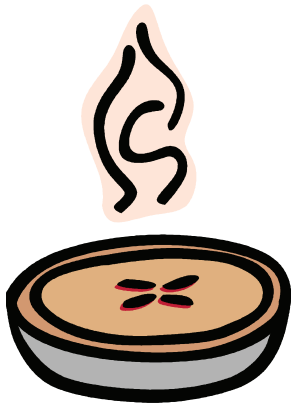
THE AUSTRALIAN NETWORK also supports the ban on anti-vehicle mines and a moratorium on all use of cluster bombs.

See more at: http://landmine-action-week.org/landmine_statistics.htm
<http://australia.icbl.org/facts.htm>

“The fight against landmines is a fight for the rights of people to live free from fear, in a safe environment conducive to development and peace.”

<http://www.stoplandmines.org/slm/index.html>

**It costs ONLY \$3 to \$30 to produce a landmine.
Yet it costs \$100 to \$3,000 to remove a landmine!!!**



Just the size of a pie!!!!



Photo courtesy of Adopt-A-Minefield

ACTION YOU CAN TAKE:

The Australian Government's ten year commitment is due for renewal in 2005.

You can support the **online petition** which calls on the Australian Senate to further endorse the Landmines Campaign by renewing the ten year commitment for victim assistance:

<http://www.petitiononline.com/mjebssl/petition.html>

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