



**The Lead Education and Abatement Design Group**  
**Working to eliminate lead poisoning globally and to protect**  
**the environment from lead in all its uses: past, current and new uses**  
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**The Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen**  
**Buckingham Palace**  
**London SW1A 1AA**  
**United Kingdom**

### **Application for Royal Patronage**

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of The LEAD Group to apply for patronage by Her Majesty, The Queen.

The LEAD Group is a health and environmental NGO, founded 21 years ago in Sydney, Australia, by parents concerned about lead poisoning of their children as a result of lead in soil, originating from paint and petrol, and from industrial sites.

We are currently funded by the Australian federal government and have status as a charity. The LEAD Group runs the Global Lead Advice & Support Service – GLASS – providing information nationally and internationally on every aspect of lead: sources of exposure, health effects, safe renovation of premises containing lead, and so on.

We campaign nationally and internationally on ridding the world of the dangers of lead, including lead in paint and lead in petrol.

A current campaign is to bring an end to the sale of leaded petrol by the end of this year.

This entails stopping the sale of the lead additive Tetra-Ethyl Lead, made by a British company, Innospec, from lead mined by Xstrata, an Australian company, to the six remaining countries which still use leaded petrol: Afghanistan, Algeria, Burma, Iraq, North Korea and Yemen.

Through the use of leaded petrol, the inhabitants of these six countries, in addition to living without the benefits of democracy, economic freedom or freedom of the press, and prey to gross corruption on the part of public officials, are thereby also continuously exposed to the poisonous fall-out of lead, a lasting legacy.

May I refer Her Majesty to our web site, at [www.lead.org.au](http://www.lead.org.au), where further information is to be found, and to our '*LEAD Action News*' (LAN) [www.lead.org.au/nl.html](http://www.lead.org.au/nl.html)?

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation,  
Yours faithfully,

[signed]

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Winner of the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) World Environment Day (WED) Award for Outstanding Service to the Environment, Manager, Global Lead Advice & Support Service (GLASS) run by The LEAD Group Inc.

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