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**Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Human Rights Sub-Committee**

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## Sydney hearing for inquiry into the abolition of the death penalty

The Human Rights Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade will conduct a public hearing in Sydney on Friday, 20 November 2015 as part of its inquiry into Australia's advocacy for the abolition of the death penalty.

The Sub-Committee will hold discussions with abolition advocates.

### Details of the hearing

Time: 9:45 am  
Date: Friday, 20 November 2015  
Location: Jubilee Room, NSW Parliament House

### Program

9:45 am Amnesty International and UnitingJustice Australia  
10:45 am Professor Freeland and Dr Renshaw, Western Sydney University  
11:30 am Commonwealth Lawyers Association  
12:00 pm Mr Chris Hayes MP, Co-Chair, Australian Parliamentarians against the Death Penalty  
1:00 pm Falun Dafa Association of Australia

Submissions to the inquiry, including those from the organisations appearing at this hearing, are available at: [www.aph.gov.au/deathpenalty](http://www.aph.gov.au/deathpenalty).

The hearing will be audio webcast live on: [www.aph.gov.au/live](http://www.aph.gov.au/live).

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