

27 September 2015

Australia's Advocacy for the Abolition of the Death Penalty

Hon. Philip Ruddock

Dear Mr Ruddock,

I wish to express my strong opposition to the Death Penalty and support all efforts to ends its use by nation states.

In particular I encourage the Australian government to

- Promote a regional approach to ending the death penalty with our neighbours and the UN
- Provide an express statement of abolition and put this into practice both at home and abroad
- Push for regional acknowledgement that drug offences should not be punishable by death
- Ensure our counter-narcotics assistance and reporting are conditional upon a moratorium on the death penalty and directed to harm minimisation programs rather than law enforcement.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Williams