

Submission on: Australia's Advocacy for the Abolition of the Death Penalty

Term of Reference addressed: Further steps Australia could take to advocate for worldwide abolition, including by: other appropriate means.

My short submission follows.

The problem is that Australian has laws regarding deportation, illegal immigration, and extradition which could mean that people are sent back to a country where they might suffer the death penalty. These laws must be changed to prevent that.

As well, Australia has not turned the relevant substantive international covenant (ICCPR) into domestic law. This has to happen.

Then, Australia can consider telling / instructing / suggesting to the countries who have the death penalty that they should end such a practice, and sign the second optional protocol to the ICCPR against the death penalty.