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

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*Chair: The Hon Philip Ruddock MP
Deputy: Senator Anne McEwen*

Public 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 Melbourne on Tuesday, 17 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 from Australia and around the world.

Details of the hearing

Time: 8:30 am
Date: Tuesday, 17 November 2015
Location: Room G3, 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne

Program

8:30 am Justice Lasry
9:10 am Mr Richard Bourke - Louisiana Capital Assistance Center
9:40 am Reprieve Australia & Human Rights Law Centre
10:40 am Castan Centre for Human Rights Law
11:20 am Australian Drug Foundation
1:00 pm Mr Gunawan - LBH Masyarakat (Jakarta)
1:30 pm Ms Mary Farrow
2:00 pm World Coalition Against the Death Penalty
2:30 pm Law Council of Australia & Australian Bar Association
3:30 pm Mr Julian McMahon and Ms Alex Wilson

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

The hearing will be audio webcast live on: www.aph.gov.au/live.

For media comment: Contact the Sub-Committee Chair, the Hon Philip Ruddock MP via Mr Ross Macdonald on 0417 852 209. For all other inquiries, contact the Inquiry Secretary on (02) 6277 4306.