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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](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).

**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.