



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

**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*

## 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 Wednesday 9 December 2015 as part of its inquiry into Australia's advocacy for the abolition of the death penalty.

The Sub-Committee will hold discussions with the lead Government agency, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as well as academics and abolition advocates.

### Details of the hearing

Time: 2:00 pm  
Date: Wednesday 9 December 2015  
Location: Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, Sydney

*NOTE: Please be advised, if you wish to attend the public hearing, you must register with the Secretariat by 12:00 pm, Monday 7 December 2015.*

### Program

#### Time Witness

2.00 pm Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
3.00 pm Diplomacy Training Program, Professor Andrew Byrnes  
3.45 pm Australian Catholic University, Professor Greg Craven  
4.30 pm Human Rights Watch

Information on the progress of the inquiry to date, including submissions and transcripts, are available on the website: [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.