

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 32nd Session

Universal Periodic Review of Chile

Statement by Australia

Australia welcomes progress made by Chile on indigenous rights, including the National Plan for the Araucanía region. However, challenges remain, including the use of excessive police force against the Mapuche and treatment of land rights activists as terrorists. **Australia recommends a review of the Anti-Terror Law to remove its application to indigenous land activism. Australia also recommends conciliation between Government and indigenous groups to address escalating violence in the Araucanía region.**

Australia encourages Chile to continue addressing discrimination against LGBTI persons. **Australia recommends that Chile examine legal protections for intersex children from non-therapeutic medical procedures before they reach an age where they can consent.**

Australia encourages Chile to continue reforms to abolish the death penalty from its legislation. **Australia recommends Chile undertake a review of its Military Justice Code to remove the death penalty for crimes during wartime.**

Australia recommends Chile accelerate promulgation of the law designating the National Human Rights Institute (INDH) as the national preventative mechanism against torture, and ensure the mechanism has the necessary resources to operate effectively, impartially and autonomously within the INDH.

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