

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 33rd Session

Universal Periodic Review of Norway

Statement by Australia

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Thank you, Mr President

We warmly welcome the Norwegian delegation.

Australia welcomes Norway's action plan against discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression and the establishment of Norway's 'A status' National Human Rights Institution in response to second cycle UPR recommendations.

While we commend Norway's efforts to strengthen its human rights framework since 2014, challenges remain.

Australia recommends that **Norway**:

1. **Adopt a legal definition of rape in the Penal Code that places the absence of consent at its centre.**
2. **Strengthen the investigative capacity of police and prosecutors in relation to all forms of gender-based violence.**
3. **Strengthen efforts to address violence and abuse against older persons, particularly in residential care settings.**

Thank you Mr President. We wish Norway a successful review.

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