

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 34th Session

Universal Periodic Review of Bolivia

Statement by Australia

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Thank you, Mr Vice President

Australia welcomes steps taken by Bolivia to promote and protect human rights since its last review, particularly to establish a non-judicial Truth Commission to investigate human rights violations committed between 1964 and 1982. Australia commends the repeal in 2018 of a law allowing children older than 10 years of age to work legally.

Australia recommends that **Bolivia**:

1. Takes administrative, judicial and legislative action to protect human rights defenders from attacks, intimidation and repression, including by government authorities.
2. Takes necessary steps to ensure violence and hate speech against LGBTI persons are investigated and prosecuted and that perpetrators are held to account.
3. Ensures that indigenous peoples are consulted on decisions that affect their traditional land and environmental resources, including proposed infrastructure development projects, consistent with the concept of free, prior and informed consent.