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**To:** DM GUNN human rights; s 47F(1)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Letter from the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter from the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached a letter from the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, Reem Alsalem.

Thank you.

Kind regards,  
SR VAWG Secretariat



**Secretariat of the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences**

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## **Statement on the decision of the Federal Court of Australia in the case of Roxanne Tickle v. Giggle for Girls Pty Ltd and Sally Grover**

### **Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, Reem Alsalem\***

I am gravely concerned over the decision of the Federal Court of Australia in the case of [Roxanne Tickle v. Giggle for Girls Pty Ltd and Sally Grover](#), which ruled that the exclusion of a male who identifies as a woman and is recognized as a female under the law from a female-only social media platform constitutes unjustified indirect discrimination.

The ruling demonstrates the concrete consequences that result when gender identity is allowed to supplant sex - and override women's rights to female-only services and spaces.

The Federal Court of Australia's ruling concerned the Australian Sex Discrimination Act. While the Act differentiates between the concepts of sex and gender identity, this distinction is abandoned in practice. The Act also severed the term sex from its ordinary meaning of biological sex, operating what I would describe as a built-in and fictitious premise that every human being has a gender identity. Consequently, the Federal Court has argued that the Convention on Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), ratified by Australia in 1983, was irrelevant to certain aspects of the case, on the pretext that gender identity discrimination was not alleged in favor of a man or men. However, it is my view that the Court ignored the fact that the CEDAW Convention recognizes that women suffer discrimination on intersecting grounds and that there are women that are more vulnerable to discrimination as a result of the interplay between sex and other factors that affect their lives.

Furthermore, the Federal Court relied on a general anti-discrimination provision of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), article 26, next to Australian legislation to argue the prohibition of discrimination based on gender identity. However, as noted by the United Nations Human Rights Committee, "not every differentiation of treatment will constitute discrimination, if the criteria for such differentiation are reasonable and objective and if the aim is to achieve a purpose which is legitimate under the Covenant" (General Comment No. 18 (1989) on non-discrimination, para. 13).

I take the opportunity to refer to the [position paper](#) I issued at the request of the Australian Human Rights Commission in March 2024, in relation to this court case, which highlighted that "where tension may arise between the right to non-discrimination based on sex and non-discrimination based on gender identity, international human rights law does not endorse an interpretation that allows either

for derogations from the obligation to ensure non-discrimination based on sex or the subordination of this obligation not to discrimination based on sex to other rights”.

I am also concerned that the court decision could make it potentially harder for women and girls to argue for the proportionality, legitimacy and necessity of female-only spaces in some circumstances. Even if unintentional, the ruling by the Federal Court may have made it potentially harder for women and girls in Australia to avail themselves of the full breadth of protections provided by the international human rights treaties that Australia is part to, including CEDAW and the ICCPR, and which require States to ensure equal rights for men and women and not to discriminate on the basis of sex.

The Sex Discrimination Act contains provisions that could potentially justify the maintenance of single sex services or the reasonableness of distinguishing on the basis of biological sex. They were unfortunately not relied on in this case, leaving it unclear whether Australian law is fully compatible with international obligations to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and girls.

I hope that if the case moves to the appeal stage, all parties would consider applicable international laws and their obligations, as well as the circumstances in which exceptions can be applied.

4 September 2024

**\* The Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, as a Special Procedures mandate of the Human Rights Council, serves in her individual capacity independent from any government or organization.**

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
Hello

Please let us know if you need anything on this one – though suspect we wouldn't have input and it will be one for domestic agencies.

Thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 2, 2024 7:34 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Letter from the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
Hi

s 22(1)(a)(ii) please find attached a letter from the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, Reem Alsalem. The letter includes a news release regarding the Australia Federal Court judgment on *Roxanne Tickle v Giggle for Girls Pty Ltd & Anor* dated 23 August 2024. The SR notes the news release will be published on 4 September, s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

Best regards

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A/g First Secretary, Human Rights  
Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva  
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Tuesday, 3 September 2024

03/09/2024 11:54 am

Hello! If you're free could I pop in for a quick chat about the SR VAWG statement that s 22(1)(a)(ii) sent through?

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

03/09/2024 11:54 am

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

yep no worries, pop in

**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @ag.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 September 2024 4:07 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; OFW International  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; DM Canberra Human Rights Team;  
 s 22(1)(a)(ii) Human Rights (AGD)  
**Subject:** RE: For action by 4:00pm today: Letter from the SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for providing visibility and the opportunity to provide red lines.

AGD has nil comment on <sup>s 33(a)(iii), 33(b), s 47E(d)</sup> the attached.

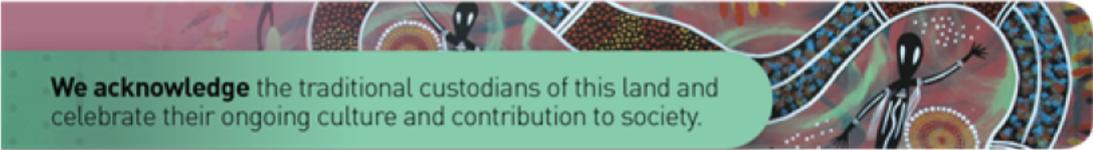
Kind regards

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Human Rights Branch

Australian Government Attorney-General's Department

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s 22(1)(a)(ii) [@ag.gov.au](mailto:s 22(1)(a)(ii)@ag.gov.au)


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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 September 2024 12:19 PM  
**To:** OFW International ; Human Rights (AGD)  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; DM Canberra Human Rights Team  
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Hi OfW and AGD colleagues,

Please find attached a letter from the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, its Causes and Consequences, Reem Alsalem. The letter includes a news release regarding the Australia Federal Court judgment on

*Roxanne Tickle v Giggle for Girls Pty Ltd & Anor*, dated 23 August 2024. The SR notes the news release will be published on **4 September**, s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

Grateful for any red lines comments, s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)  
**September**, so I can advise Geneva Post overnight.

by **4:00pm today Tuesday 3**

Please reach out if you would like to discuss further.

Many thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Policy Officer | Human Rights Autonomous Sanctions Section  
Human Rights Branch | Multilateral Policy and Human Rights Division  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

T s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Letter from the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for sending this one through. I shared with AGD and OfW, who advised of no red lines s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

Many thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
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**Attachments:** 2024.09.03 Australia.pdf; SR VAWG - Statement on Australia.pdf

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 4:44 PM  
**To:** s 47E(d) @fax.unog.ch; UN Geneva  
**Cc:** s 47F(1)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter, news release and Statement from the SR VAWG

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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Please find attached a letter from the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences.

Enclosed with the letter are a news release and a statement by the Special Rapporteur, which will be released tomorrow.

Best regards,  
s 47F(1)

s 47F(1)

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 10:44 PM  
**To:** Emily Roper  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Letter, news release and Statement from the SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Yes passed back, also an earlier version sent through yesterday s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)

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**From:** Emily Roper  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:16 PM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; Amanda Gorely  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Letter, news release and Statement from the SR VAWG[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks, <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> Presume we have sent on to CBR so they are prepared if picked up by local news at home?

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>  
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**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>, s 22(1)(a)(ii) <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)@dfat.gov.au](mailto:s22(1)(a)(ii)@dfat.gov.au)>  
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Hi Amanda and Emily

For your visibility this news release will be published tomorrow. We have passed back to Canberra.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** s 47F(1) [@un.org](#)>

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**Title:** UN: Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls - Statement on the case of Roxanne Tickle v. Giggle for Girls Pty Ltd and Sally Grover

**MRN:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**To:** Canberra

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**Response:** Routine, Information Only

**Summary**

As per email (s 22(1)(a)(ii) ), the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, Reem Alsalem, published the attached statement expressing concern over the decision of the Federal Court of Australia in the case of Roxanne Tickle v. Giggle for Girls Pty Ltd and Sally Grover on 4 September. The Special Rapporteur said the ruling demonstrates the consequences when gender identity, which she describes as "a built-in and fictitious premise", is allowed to supplant sex and override women's rights to female-only services and spaces. Media coverage is likely.

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**Sent by:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Prepared by:**  
**Approved by:** DHOM  
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**[EXTERNAL] NEWS RELEASE -- Special Rapporteur decries Australia's Federal Court ruling further eroding rights to female-only spaces**

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From OHCHR UN Special Procedures Human Rights <ohchr\_media\_specialprocedures@un.org>

Date Wed 4/09/2024 10:33 AM

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## **Special Rapporteur decries Australia's Federal Court ruling further eroding rights to female-only spaces**

GENEVA (4 September 2024) – In a [statement](#) today, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, Reem Alsalem, expressed grave concern over a decision by the Federal Court of Australia in the case of [Roxanne Tickle v. Giggle for Girls Pty Ltd and Sally Grover](#), that the exclusion of a male who identifies as a woman and is recognised as female under the law from a female-only social media platform constitutes unjustified indirect discrimination.

“The ruling demonstrates the concrete consequences that result when gender identity is allowed to supplant sex and override women’s rights to female-only services and spaces,” said Alsalem.

She noted that the ruling concerned the Australian Sex Discrimination Act, and that while the Act differentiates between the concepts of sex and gender identity, this distinction is abandoned in practice. She said the Act severed the term sex from its ordinary meaning of biological sex, operating on what she described as a built-in and fictitious premise that every human being has a gender identity. Consequently, she said that the Federal Court had argued that the Convention on Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), ratified by Australia in 1983, was irrelevant to certain aspects of this case, on the pretext that gender identity discrimination was not alleged in favor of a man or men. However, in her view, the Court ignored the fact that the CEDAW Convention recognises that there are women who are more vulnerable to discrimination as a result of the interplay between sex and other factors that affect their lives.

Alsalem said that the Federal Court relied on a general anti-discrimination provision of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), article 26, next to Australian legislation to argue the prohibition of discrimination based on gender identity. However, as noted by the UN Human Rights Committee, “not every differentiation of treatment will constitute discrimination, if the criteria for

such differentiation are reasonable and objective and if the aim is to achieve a purpose which is legitimate under the Covenant”.

The Special Rapporteur referred to the [position paper](#) she issued in relation to this court case, which highlighted that “where tension may arise between the right to non-discrimination based on sex and non-discrimination based on gender identity, international human rights law does not endorse an interpretation that allows either for derogations from the obligation to ensure non-discrimination based on sex or the subordination of this obligation not to discriminate based on sex to other rights”.

The Special Rapporteur expressed concern that the court decision could make it potentially harder for women and girls to argue for the proportionality, legitimacy and necessity of female-only spaces in some circumstances.

ENDS

**Reem Alsalem**, [Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences](#).

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

A quick follow up but I spoke to <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> at AGD about this and they were wondering if a response was required. I said no as it was a courtesy letter and we weren't prompted for reply. But if they wanted to respond to let us know and we could consider further.

Cheers  
s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 1:38 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) ; s 47F(1)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Letter, news release and Statement from the SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for your advice that there is no additional changes. Please see attached statement, which will be released tomorrow.

Best

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**From:** s 47F(1) [@un.org](#)>

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**To:** Emily Roper  
**Cc:** s 47F(1)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Letter, news release and Statement from the SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Attachments:** draft cable - SR VAWG Statement on Australia (DHOM review).docx; SR VAWG - Statement on Australia.pdf

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Dear Emily

Please see attached draft cable for your review and clearance, HOM would not usually clear these cables but noting her interest below please let me know if you think she should also clear.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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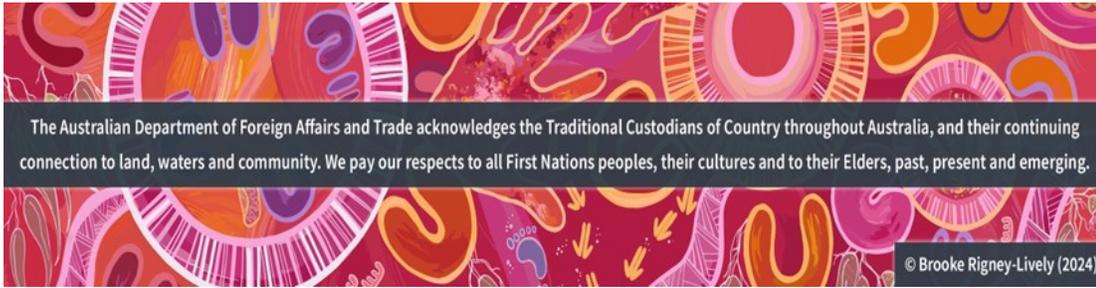
**From:** Amanda Gorely  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 9:09 AM  
**To:** Emily Roper ; s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Letter, news release and Statement from the SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Thanks <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> I think this should be attached to a summary cable setting out the key points made by the SR. As Emily says, it will likely attract media attention and there will be broad interest.

AG

*Amanda Gorely  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative  
Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations  
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**From:** Emily Roper <[Emily.Roper3@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Emily.Roper3@dfat.gov.au)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2024 7:16 PM

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**Title:** UN: Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls - Statement on the case of Roxanne Tickle v. Giggle for Girls Pty Ltd and Sally Grover

**MRN:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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**Sent by:**

**Prepared** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**by:**

**Approved** DHOM  
**by:**

**Topics:** s 47E(d)

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, 5 September 2024 2:15 AM  
**To:** s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Cc:** DM Canberra Human Rights Team; DM GUNN human rights; Bronte Moules; s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
**Subject:** FYI NEWS RELEASE -- Special Rapporteur decries Australia's Federal Court ruling further eroding rights to female-only spaces [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## OFFICIAL

Hello s 22(1)(a)(ii)

As expected, please see below the the SR VAW's media release on the Tickle v Giggle case (released around 1030am, Geneva time on 4 Sept).

Since you kindly engaged with OfW and AGD on this one – would you be able to send this onto them? I saw your original email to them (with thanks), but I didn't see any replies come through from them, and I would like to ensure this goes to the right people. Grateful if you could cc us in for filing.

Thanks s 22(1)(a)(ii) much appreciated and have a lovely day.

Many thanks,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

**NEWS  
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Hi OfW and AGD colleagues,

FYI in case you haven't seen it (and apologies for the delayed email), but as expected please see below the SR VAWG's media release on the Tickle v Giggle case (released around 10:30am, Geneva time on 4 September).

Many thanks,

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## Special Rapporteur decries Australia's Federal Court ruling further eroding rights to female-only spaces

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“The ruling demonstrates the concrete consequences that result when gender identity is allowed to supplant sex and override women’s rights to female-only services and spaces,” said Alsalem.

She noted that the ruling concerned the Australian Sex Discrimination Act, and that while the Act differentiates between the concepts of sex and gender identity, this distinction is abandoned in practice. She said the Act severed the term sex from its ordinary meaning of biological sex, operating on what she described as a built-in and fictitious premise that every human being has a gender identity. Consequently, she said that the Federal Court had argued that the Convention on Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), ratified by Australia in 1983, was irrelevant to certain aspects of this case, on the pretext that gender identity discrimination was not alleged in favor of a man or men. However, in her view, the Court ignored the fact that the CEDAW Convention recognises that there are women who are more vulnerable to discrimination as a result of the interplay between sex and other factors that affect their lives.

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- On 4 September 2024, the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls published a [press release](#) decrying Australia's Federal Court ruling further eroding rights to female-only spaces.

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1.	RE: SR on VAWG questionnaire [SEC= ]	1/2/2024
2.	RE: SR on VAWG questionnaire [SEC= ]	1/2/2024
3.	RE: For info: SR VAGW call for input re prostitution and violence against women and girls - Australian response [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	1/2/2024
4.	For info: SR VAGW call for input re prostitution and violence against women and girls - Australian response [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	1/2/2024
5.	RE: SR on VAWG submission [SEC=OFFICIAL]	1/2/2024
6.	Australian Government Response - UN Special Rapporteur - Sex Work and Violence against Women and Girls.docx	1/2/2024
7.	Australia's international human rights engagement – FINAL February 2024 Budget Estimates	1/2/2024
8.	RE: s 22(1)(a)(ii) shared "SR VAWG questions s 47E(d) Feb 2024" with you	1/2/2024
9.	HRI Words to Watch and Standing Instructions (clean)	1/2/2024
10.	FYI – Submission to SR on VAWG report on sex work and violence	8/2/2024
11.	Australian Government Response – UN Special Rapporteur – Sex Work and Violence against Women and Girls	8/2/2024
12.	RE: Call for Inputs - SR VAWG - Australia's response [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	9/2/2024
13.	QU senate estimates brief - s 22(1)(a)(ii)	19/02/2024
14.	GMS revision of talking points on CEDAW 2025-2028 election	5/3/2024
15.	RE: HOM Geneva meeting with s 47E(d) – 23 Feb	13/03/2024
16.	FW: For review: Senate estimates brief - Australia's international human rights engagement due COB 10 May (CBR time) [SEC=OFFICIAL]	10/5/2024
17.	FW: For review: Senate estimates brief - Australia's international human rights engagement due COB 10 May (CBR time) [SEC=OFFICIAL]	10/5/2024
18.	14. Australias international human rights engagement - for review 20240508.docx	10/5/2024
19.	RE: For HRA input by COB Tomorrow, 14 May: Senate Estimates Brief - Human Rights Thematic [SEC=OFFICIAL]	14/05/2024
20.	14. Australias international human rights engagement as at 20240514.docx	14/05/2024
21.	CEDAW taskforce on gender self-identification	20/05/2024
22.	FOR INPUT put COB FRIDAY 31 May: HRC56: SR on VAWG – report on prostitution and VAWG	29/05/2024
23.	Human rights thematic brief senate estimates June 2024	1/6/2024
24.	FYI – s 47E(d) pre-HRC56 meeting	12/6/2024
25.	FYI – notes from briefing on SR VAWG prostitution report	17/06/2024
26.	Discussion with s 47E(d)	18/06/2024
27.	FW: HRC56: s 47E(d) Week 1 Statements	18/06/2024
28.	s 22(1)(a)(ii) – OHCHR	19/06/2024
29.	HRC56 – SR on VAWG statement – National Statement s 47E(d)	21/06/2024
30.	FW: HRC56 draft national statement – ID with the SR VAWG attached	21/06/2024
31.	FW: For review – SR VAWG HRC56 draft national statement – ID with the SR VAWG attached	21/06/2024

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32.	s 47E(d) team discussion	21/06/2024
33.	LGBTQIA+ discussions in Geneva	25/06/2024
34.	LGBTQIA+ issues in Geneva	4/7/2024
35.	FW: For visibility: Australia's ninth periodic report to CEDAW (draft) - public consultation period [SEC=OFFICIAL]	2/9/2024
36.	For visibility: Australia's ninth periodic report to CEDAW (draft) - public consultation period [SEC=OFFICIAL]	2/9/2024
37.	For visibility: Australia's ninth periodic report to CEDAW (draft) - public consultation period [SEC=OFFICIAL]	2/9/2024
38.	Draft_ForConsultation_Australia'sNinthPeriodicCEDAWReport_Sept2024.docx	2/9/2024
39.	RE: For action by 4:00pm today: Letter from the SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL]	3/9/2024
40.	RE: [EXTERNAL] Letter from the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences [SEC=OFFICIAL]	3/9/2024
41.	FW: [EXTERNAL] Letter from the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences [SEC=OFFICIAL]	3/9/2024
42.	SR VAWG - Letter to the PM Australia.pdf	3/9/2024
43.	FW: For visibility: Australia's ninth periodic report to CEDAW (draft) - public consultation period [SEC=OFFICIAL]	3/9/2024
44.	FW: [EXTERNAL] Letter from the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences	3/9/2024
45.	For action by 4:00pm today: Letter from the SR VAWG	3/9/2024
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47.	FW: [EXTERNAL] Letter, news release and Statement from the SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL]	4/9/2024
48.	2024.09.03 Australia.pdf	4/9/2024
49.	SR VAWG - Statement on Australia.pdf	4/9/2024
50.	FYI NEWS RELEASE -- Special Rapporteur decries Australia's Federal Court ruling further eroding rights to female-only spaces [SEC=OFFICIAL]	5/9/2024
51.	FYI NEWS RELEASE -- Special Rapporteur decries Australia's Federal Court ruling further eroding rights to female-only spaces	5/9/2024
52.	FW: [EXTERNAL] NEWS RELEASE -- Special Rapporteur decries Australia's Federal Court ruling further eroding rights to female-only spaces	11/9/2024
53.	RE: For IBS action: UNGA79 Third Committee (3C) -- National Statements -- VAW/G	25/09/2024
54.	Re: UNGA79 Third Committee (3C) -- National Statements -- VAW/G	26/09/2024
55.	Re: UNGA79 Third Committee -- National Statements -- VAW/G in sport	26/09/2024
56.	RE: UNGA79 -- Third Committee - Introduction	28/09/2024
57.	UNGA79 3C Summary SR VAWG	4/10/2024
58.	Summary SR VAWG	4/10/2024
59.	FW: Action by COB Thurs 10 Oct please: CEDAW periodic report and public consultation summary report [SEC=OFFICIAL]	8/10/2024
60.	Action by COB Thurs 10 Oct please: CEDAW periodic report and public consultation summary report [SEC=OFFICIAL]	8/10/2024
61.	Draft_ForAgencyApproval_Australia'sNinthPeriodicCEDAWReport_Oct2024.docx	8/10/2024
62.	CEDAW - summary of public consultation - September 2024 - V4	8/10/2024

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63.	FW: Action by COB Thurs 10 Oct please: CEDAW periodic report and public consultation summary report [SEC=OFFICIAL]	9/10/2024
64.	FW: For action: Action by COB Thurs 10 Oct please: CEDAW periodic report and public consultation summary report [SEC=OFFICIAL]	11/10/2024
65.	FW: For action: Action by COB Thurs 10 Oct please: CEDAW periodic report and public consultation summary report [SEC=OFFICIAL]	11/10/2024
66.	Draft_ForAgencyApproval_Australia'sNinthPeriodicCEDAWReport_Oct2024 (HRA comments).docx	11/10/2024
67.	RE: For clearance: SE BPB: UN Special Rapporteurs, Special Procedure Mandate Holders, and Treaty Bodies [SEC=OFFICIAL]	16/10/2024
68.	UN Special Rapporteurs Special Procedure Mandate Holders Treaty Bodies - Nov update <sup>s 22(1)(a)(i)</sup> .docx	16/10/2024
69.	Senate Estimates UN Special Rapporteurs Special Procedure Mandate Holders Treaty Bodies - Nov 2024.docx	16/10/2024
70.	SR stuff extracted from ye olde EQU LGBTQIA+ brief [SEC=OFFICIAL]	17/10/2024
71.	RE: [EXTERNAL] NVs - Call for inputs on violence against women and girls in criminal justice detention [SEC= ]	25/10/2024
72.	FW: [EXTERNAL] NEWS RELEASE – States and sporting associations must act immediately to revise discriminatory policies and practices in sports: UN expert says	25/10/2024
73.	RE: For clearance: SE BPB: UN Special Rapporteurs, Special Procedure Mandate Holders, and Treaty Bodies [SEC=OFFICIAL]	30/10/2024
74.	Fwd__EXTERNAL_ NEWS RELEASE - Germany_ Gender self-ID law fails to address implications for women and girls_ says Special Rapporteur	30/10/2024
75.	Fwd: [EXTERNAL] NEWS RELEASE – Germany: Gender self-ID law fails to address implications for women and girls, says Special Rapporteur	31/10/2024
76.	RE: Senate Estimates briefs from HRB [SEC=OFFICIAL]	1/11/2024
77.	Senate Estimates UN Special Rapporteurs Special Procedure Mandate Holders Treaty Bodies - Nov 2024 - AS-cleared - 31102024.docx	1/11/2024
78.	Attachment A - Communication from SR VAWG to Australia.pdf	1/11/2024
79.	241106 DRAFT V1 Australian human rights international engagement brief senate estimates Nov 2024 Dir HRI cleared <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup>	1/11/2024
80.	Updated Senate Estimates BPBs [SEC=OFFICIAL]	6/11/2024
81.	Senate Estimates UN Special Rapporteurs Special Procedure Mandate Holders Treaty Bodies - 6 November 2024 - AS-cleared updates.docx	6/11/2024
82.	RE: For action: OHCHR questionnaire on violence against women and girls in criminal justice detention [SEC=OFFICIAL]	7/11/2024
83.	RE: For action: OHCHR questionnaire on violence against women and girls in criminal justice detention [SEC=OFFICIAL]	12/11/2024
84.	HOM meeting with <sup>s 47E(d)</sup> - 4 Dec 2024	18/11/2024
85.	RE: [EXTERNAL] NVs - Call for inputs on violence against women and girls in criminal justice detention [SEC= ]	19/11/2024
86.	HOM meeting with <sup>s 47E(d)</sup> - 4 Dec 2024	19/11/2024
87.	HOM meeting with <sup>s 47E(d)</sup> December 2024	19/11/2024
88.	RE: Australia's submission: Call for inputs on violence against women and girls in criminal justice detention [SEC= ]	29/11/2024
89.	RE: RE: For action: OHCHR questionnaire on violence against women and girls in criminal justice detention [SEC=OFFICIAL]	29/11/2024

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90.	OHCHR questionnaire on violence against women and girls in criminal justice detention - Response - November 2024.DOCX	29/11/2024
91.	FW: Australia's ninth periodic report to CEDAW - final for Minister's approval [SEC=OFFICIAL]	29/11/2024
92.	Australia's ninth periodic report to CEDAW - final for Minister's approval [SEC=OFFICIAL]	29/11/2024
93.	Original Correspondence.pdf	29/11/2024
94.	RE: Australia's ninth periodic report to CEDAW - final for Minister's approval [SEC=OFFICIAL]	2/12/2024
95.	241129 Letter Gallagher_Wong CEDAW Report wAB.pdf	2/12/2024
96.	RE: Communication from SR VAWG – AL AUS 4/2023 - Australia response	12/12/2024
97.	Questionnaire - SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	23/12/2024
98.	Letter to all PMs SR VaWG Eng.pdf	23/12/2024
99.	Annex 1. Eng Call for Inputs_sex based violence against women and girls 18.12.2024.docx	23/12/2024
100.	Annex 2. Eng Call for inputs - addendum on consent - 18.12.2024	23/12/2024
101.	Questionnaire – SR VAWG	23/12/2024
102.	SR VAWG – latest language	23/12/2024
103.	SR VAWG - latest language	23/12/2024
104.	RE: Questionnaire - SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	14/01/2025
105.	FYI NEWS RELEASE - UN expert welcomes US court ruling reaffirming sex-based protections in education	14/01/2025
106.	RE Questionnaire - SR VAWG	14/01/2025
107.	Fwd: [EXTERNAL] NEWS RELEASE – UN expert welcomes US court ruling reaffirming sex-based protections in education	15/01/2025
108.	RE: Questionnaire – SR VAWG	17/01/2025
109.	FW: FOR ACTION: Call for inputs from SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	22/01/2025
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113.	RE: Questionnaire - SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	28/01/2025
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115.	RE: For <sup>s 22(1)</sup> response: (For Comment by COB Tuesday, 04/02) CEDAW   Permanent page to update country list of political supporters	31/01/2025
116.	RE: FOR ACTION: Call for inputs from SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	31/01/2025
117.	GEDSI in Health - Feb 2025	1/2/2025
118.	RE: FOR ACTION: Call for inputs from SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	6/2/2025
119.	SE BPB - UN Special Rapporteurs, Special Procedure Mandate Holders, and Treaty Bodies: HRI [SEC=OFFICIAL]	7/2/2025
120.	250505 Sen Est Feb25 UN Special Rapporturs Special Procedure Mandate Holders Treaty Bodies For consultation <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> .docx	7/2/2025
121.	RE: For Director HRA clearance: SE BPB - UN Special Rapporteurs, Special Procedure Mandate Holders, and Treaty Bodies [SEC=OFFICIAL]	9/2/2025
122.	Senate Estimates UN Special Rapporteurs Special Procedure Mandate Holders Treaty Bodies - 7 February 2025 - <sup>s 22(1)</sup> edits.docx	9/2/2025
123.	RE: FOR ACTION: Call for inputs from SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL]	10/2/2025

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124.	RE: FOR ACTION: Call for inputs from SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	12/2/2025
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126.	DSS response to SR VaWG - for review 12 February 2025.docx	12/2/2025
127.	DSS Secretary response to SR VaWG Annex 1.docx	12/2/2025
128.	RE: For a/g AS HRB clearance: SE Brief: UN Expert (including Special Procedures Mandate Holders) findings and Treaty Bodies [SEC=OFFICIAL]	12/2/2025
129.	Senate Estimates UN Expert findings and Treaty Bodies - 11 February 2025 - For AS clearance <sup>s 22(1)</sup> comments.docx	12/2/2025
130.	FW: For a/g AS HRB clearance: SE Brief: UN Expert (including Special Procedures Mandate Holders) findings and Treaty Bodies [SEC=OFFICIAL]	12/2/2025
131.	Senate Estimates UN Expert findings and Treaty Bodies - 11 February 2025 - For AS clearance.docx	12/2/2025
132.	Attachment D - TABLE - SPMH and treaty body communications.docx	12/2/2025
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136.	Letter to all PMs SR VaWG Eng.pdf	12/2/2025
137.	Senate Estimates UN Expert findings and Treaty Bodies – 11 February 2025 - For AS clearance <sup>s 22(1)</sup> comments	12/2/2025
138.	Fwd_ _EXTERNAL_ NEWS RELEASE - United States_ UN Special Rapporteur welcomes executive action to protect female sport	12/2/2025
139.	FW: [For <sup>s 22(1)(a)(ii)</sup> consideration]: FOR ACTION: Call for inputs from SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL]	13/02/2025
140.	RE: For <sup>s 22(1)(a)</sup> response - DSS response to Annex 1 of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	13/02/2025
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146.	Fwd: [EXTERNA;] NEWS RELEASE – United States: UN Special Rapporteur welcomes executive action to protect female sport	13/02/2025
147.	RE_ For <sup>s 22(1)(a)</sup> action on 6 Feb_ FOR REVIEW_ s 47E(d) senate estimates briefs	13/02/2025
148.	FW For views by COB 14 Feb (CBR time) Questionnaire - SR VAWG	13/02/2025
149.	For views by COB 14 Feb (CBR time): Questionnaire - SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	14/02/2025
150.	For views by COB 14 Feb (CBR time): Questionnaire – SR VAWG	14/02/2025
151.	FW_ For views by COB 14 Feb (CBR time)_ Questionnaire - SR VAWG	14/02/2025
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153.	RE: For <sup>s 22(1)</sup> response – questionnaire Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls	15/02/2025
154.	Meeting with <sup>s 47E(d)</sup> readout, <sup>s 47E(d)</sup>	15/02/2025
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156.	RE: For views by COB 14 Feb (CBR time): Questionnaire - SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	17/02/2025
157.	Questionnaire - SR VAWG [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	18/02/2025
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166.	RE: Questionnaire from SR VAWG - Australia not to provide a submission [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]	19/02/2025

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