**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 27th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Indonesia**

**Statement by Australia**

The Government of Australia appreciates Indonesia’s engagement in the Universal Periodic Review process.

Australia is pleased to acknowledge Indonesia’s introduction of the Disability Law since the last UPR, and encourages Indonesia to establish a National Disability Commission.

**Australia recommends Indonesia enhance safeguards on the use of the death penalty, including: adequate and early legal representation for cases which could attract the death penalty; non-application of the death penalty to those with mental illness; revising the Criminal Code to accord with relevant international human rights laws and obligations; and re-instating a moratorium on the use of the death penalty.**

We welcome Indonesia’s demonstrated commitment to economic development in the Papua provinces and recent efforts to investigate human rights cases there. **Australia recommends Indonesia finalise the investigation of all human rights cases in Papua.**

**Australia further recommends Indonesia intensify efforts to respect and uphold freedom of expression, assembly, and religion and belief, and to prevent discrimination on any grounds including sexual orientation and gender identity.** We urge Indonesia to take a non-criminal approach to defamation.

**Australia recommends Indonesia continue efforts to reduce violence against women and girls, including sexual violence, family violence and FGM.**