Albania welcomes the delegation of Australia. We wish to acknowledge the active and constructive role played by Australia during its membership of the Human Rights Council.

We welcome improvements made to Australia’s national legislation regarding the protection of human rights, including the ratification of OP-CAT, as well as efforts to combat domestic violence. We further note the progress made and welcome Australia’s commitment to meeting the targets of the Closing the Gap framework.

Albania recommends that Australia:

1. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure.
2. Ensure that measures taken with regard to refugees and asylum seekers are in full compliance with obligations under international law and human rights.

We wish Australia a successful review.