



The Royal Australasian
College of Physicians

Media Statement

There is no place for capital punishment

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The RACP opposes the death penalty in all instances.

It is a grave breach of human rights.

Doctors are committed to the preservation of life and human dignity, and capital punishment has no place in a civilized society.

Thirty years ago, only 16 countries around the world had abolished capital punishment, now, it has been abolished in nearly two-thirds of countries.

The RACP recognises the efforts of the Australian government to promote a moratorium on use of the death penalty.

Continued advocacy to end capital punishment around the world is a must.

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