



Statement of Ireland
37th session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Australia

20 January 2021

Ireland welcomes the delegation of Australia and thanks it for its presentation.

Ireland acknowledges Australia's efforts to advance human rights domestically and welcomes recent progress, including the latest humanitarian settlement programme.

Ireland remains concerned, however, about the mandatory detention of irregular migrants and asylum seekers, particularly under offshore processing systems. We also note the slow progress in addressing the equality gap that persists for indigenous peoples.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Australian authorities:

1. Review legislation on the mandatory detention of irregular migrants, and halt the use of offshore detention centres in Papua New Guinea and Nauru.
2. Take further measures to implement the recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in order to reduce social inequality experienced by indigenous peoples.

Thank you.