

Human Rights Watch Questionnaire

Domestic policy

- 1 What changes, if any, should be made to Australia's laws covering the rights of journalists, whistleblowers, and activists to speak out on matters of public interest?
- 2 Should Australia permit gay and lesbian couples to marry? Why or why not?
- 3 What would you do address the disproportionate incarceration of indigenous people in Australian prisons and jails?
- 4 What changes would you make, if any, to Australia's laws, policies, and practices regarding irregular migrants and asylum seekers?

Foreign policy

- 5 What should be done about the situation of refugees and people seeking asylum who are being held on Manus and Nauru?
- 6 Should Australia work towards ending the use of the death penalty in Asia? How?
- 7 How can Australia improve the human rights of people in countries with poor rights records with whom Australia is seeking closer commercial and other ties?
- 8 Australia has established ongoing "human rights dialogues" with China, Vietnam, and Laos. How will you make these dialogues more effective in promoting the human rights of the people in those countries?
- 9 What role is there for public – as opposed to private or "quiet" – diplomacy in promoting human rights abroad?
- 10 What should Australia do to address the growing crackdown on human rights in China?
- 11 On your first visit to Indonesia, what human rights issues will you raise with Indonesian officials?
- 12 Rape and other violence against women and girls is common in Papua New Guinea and other countries in the region. What can Australia do through its aid program or other means to reduce violence against women?