



Democratic Pirates Australia

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Subject: Democratic Pirates Australia, Party position on Human Rights Policy

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To Pirate Parties International (PPI);

Democratic Pirates Australia has human rights concerns at the forefront of our push for pirate principles, through our global policy agenda. Our Party will devise and help to support initiatives and moves which seek to achieve, maintain, restore and uphold human rights of everyone, in accordance to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Democratic Pirates Australia has Human Rights Policy built into our policy structure, detailed as the following:

"Australia should also continue to support human rights overseas, with the first step being to meet agreed aid targets. Plans to redirect foreign aid to handle domestic boat arrivals set a bad precedent and should be reversed. Properly targeted aid may well do more to reduce such arrivals in the long-run by curbing poverty and environmental damage overseas."

As President of the Party, I feel the need to stress and emphasize that our current Policy text in this important area is not good enough. What we have is brief, much too basic and does not clearly explain what our Party position is on human rights. It needs work and a review of this text is currently a high-priority for us.

Furthermore, it is clearly outlined on our Party Wiki and declare that we are reviewing our Human Rights Policy and aim to expand its intended reach and impact, along with exploring further options for us to push for increased awareness and recognition of cases where human rights are violated and need to be improved. All initiatives we undertake will be in accordance with our own party policy, the Pirate Party principles and with support and collaboration from Pirate Parties International.

Thank you for your correspondence to date. We look forward to collaborating more with PPI in the future.

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