



Federal Executive Resolution – David Hicks

IEU Executive meeting, February 2007

That this meeting of the IEUA Federal Executive expresses its condemnation at the ongoing detention of prisoner David Hicks, the denial of justice from the proposed US military trial process and the failure of the Australian government to act on behalf of one of its citizens.

The IEUA notes that David Hicks has been detained for 5 years and until very recently without charges laid against him. He has been detained in unacceptable conditions under international law and been subjected to treatment that can only be described as torture.

The IEUA condemns the circumstances of David Hicks' detention and environment.

The IEUA believes that the Australian government could and should have acted to remove David Hicks from imprisonment at Guantanamo Bay and return him to Australia.

The IEUA believes that it is unconscionable for the US government to introduce retrospective criminal laws and that these laws be used as the basis of charges laid against David Hicks.

The IEUA believes that the nature and construct of the charges along with the structure of the Military commission will preclude any chance of David Hicks being afforded natural justice in his defence.

The IEUA calls on the Australian government to act immediately to demand that the US afford David Hicks a genuine system of justice to answer any genuine charges brought against him and notes that recent comments by the Prime Minister about concern about the length of time David Hicks has spent in custody are too little, too late and without genuine commitment to see David Hicks afforded natural justice.