

Australia Must Not Ratify Extradition Treaty with China

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The Sydney Morning Herald has recently reported that the Australian government is moving to ratify an extradition treaty with China.

This is a travesty by a government willing to cast aside morality and human rights to curry favour with the Chinese regime.

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) rules with an iron fist and brooks no dissent from its citizens. There is no rule of law or due process - the CCP controls the courts, and politicises the judiciary.

[The regime executes](#) more people than any other country in the world and it refuses to give details of numbers or so called 'crimes' of those executed.

Many charges are trumped up, politically motivated and/or used to silence dissidents.

Any dissident e.g , house Christian, Falun Gong practitioner, Tibetan, Uyghur, Hong Kong democracy campaigner or any other human rights campaigner lucky enough to reach

Australia could be forcibly returned on the pretext of having committed a "crime" in China.

Hundreds of lawyers in China have been detained or threatened for trying to represent the interests of their clients in trials rigged by the CCP.

Thousands of Falun Gong practitioners have been [killed for their organs](#) by the CCP and many others have sought asylum in countries like Australia to escape the persecution.

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There is no way to guarantee that those extradited would be granted a fair trial, nor are there any effective measures to prevent torture or China going against diplomatic assurances and administering the death penalty.

Australia cannot accept the Chinese regime's word that a person has committed a crime and the regime has already been caught operating illegally in Australia to find and extradite so-called criminals.

Australians cherish the rule of law and the separation of powers, we should not allow our government to deny other country's citizens the same rights.

The Australian government needs to grow a backbone and stand up to the Chinese regime's bullies. We cannot forgo principles that our forefathers have fought for, in return for a handful of silver from the CCP.