



The 'Real Bodies' Exhibition in Sydney, Australia is a display of 'plastinated' bodies and organs from supposedly donated or unclaimed bodies in China.

However, these exhibitions that have been held around the world for many years, source their bodies from China, especially Dailian, in Heilongjiang province, and are the bodies of 'prisoners of conscience' (Falun Gong practitioners, house Christians, Tibetans and Uyghurs, who have been killed so that their organs and other body parts can be sold.

The Chinese people have little or no organ or body donation history, as their beliefs are that a body is buried intact.

This exhibition is an abomination - human beings killed on demand for their organs to be harvested and the rest of their bodies sold for plastination. It is like a grotesque form of choosing a lobster from a tank in a restaurant for your dinner - but these are innocent human beings.

These are crimes against humanity by the Chinese communist regime and democratic people should demand that their governments do not aid and abet these crimes by turning a blind eye.

The NSW and Australian government governments need to grow a backbone and ban these evil 'exhibitions' from Australian soil, and demand an enquiry into human organ trafficking by the Chinese regime.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ebm5yDcV_pU

The following is an open letter from concerned human rights activists, doctors and lawyers, demanding that the Australian government close down the exhibition:

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER, OPPOSITION LEADER, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND NSW MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Dear Prime Minister, Mr Shorten, Minister Bishop, Minister Hunt, and Minister Hazzard,

The Australian Committee of the International Coalition to End Transplant Abuse in China (ETAC) wish to bring to your attention our grave concerns regarding "Real Bodies-The Exhibition" currently showing at the Byron Kennedy Hall in the Entertainment Quarter at Moore Park, Sydney. We request, as a matter of urgency, that you take immediate action to close it down.

"Real Bodies-The Exhibition" is a for-profit business which tours the world exhibiting flayed, plastinated human corpses fashioned into grotesque postures along with plastinated specimens of various human organs.

Doctors, ethicists, lawyers and human rights advocates at ETAC have substantial concerns about the provenance of the bodies used in this exhibition. Allegedly the exhibits are sourced from the unclaimed corpses of people who have died in hospital, procured by the Public Security Bureau, however it is not possible the bodies were 'unclaimed', as according to regulations and autopsy rules issued by China's Ministry of Health on February 22, 1979 [1], bodies can only be declared 'unclaimed' after 30 days. Of note, the plastination process, which

involves the use of silicon, epoxy, and other polymer mixtures to replace the fluid in the human body, must occur within 48 hours of death. Therefore it is not possible to plastinate a corpse that is 30 days old.

Rather than being sourced from unclaimed bodies, as the exhibitors claim, there is credible evidence that these are the bodies of executed prisoners and prisoners of conscience from China. [\[2\]](#)

Tom Zaller, CEO of Imagine Exhibitions, recently made public admissions that the bodies are “absolutely from China”. He said there is “no documentation” to prove their identities or show they had agreed in life to donate their corpses in death. [\[3\]](#) The bodies used in the exhibition are provided by the Dalian Medical University Biology Plantation in China.

Using human organs and tissues without consent for financial profit is the antithesis of ethical and legal practice as set out in the Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplantation and the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Organs. [\[4\]](#)

[1](#)
Further, such conduct of organ trafficking and organ tourism is a serious breach of international human rights law, and Australia should have no part in it.

Many cities and countries around the world, including Hawaii, France, Seattle and Israel [\[5\]](#) recently banned similar exhibitions of plastinated human beings.

We are astonished that visas and permits for bringing this exhibition into Australia were issued by the Australian Government, given the lack of documentation demonstrating ethical and legal sourcing of each body. No motivation for profit or political sensitivities could ever justify such a crass and undignified violation of human rights.

We, the undersigned, therefore ask that this exhibition be closed immediately given the lack of clarity about the origins of the preserved human beings and body parts on display.

We trust that you will treat this as a matter of urgency and look forward to your immediate

response.

Yours sincerely

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[1] Notice from Ministry of Health About the Re-Release of “Autopsy Rules” September 10, 1979 (79) Health Education No. 1329, Medicine and Health Administration and Enforcement Electronic Library September 10, 1979

http://www.moj.gov.cn/2008sfjd/2005-11/16/content_791669.htm

<https://archive.is/ouzbw>

[2] <https://endtransplantabuse.org/an-update-chapter-eleven-a-crime/#plastinated-bodies>

[3]

<http://www.news.com.au/technology/science/human-body/real-bodies-the-exhibition-controversy-about-disturbing-origins-of-corpse/news-story/fb3e9d7702cfdbb1bba171b87df9ca32>

[4] See <https://www.declarationofistanbul.org/> and <https://www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/216>

[5] <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/france-shuts-popular-bodies-show/story?id=7411070>

<https://museumplanner.org/hawaii-shuts-down-real-human-bodies-show/#.WtSJwq57ITw.mailto>

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