

COMMONWEALTH LAWYERS ASSOCIATION – POLICY ON THE DEATH PENALTY

The Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) is opposed to the death penalty as a form of punishment in all instances.

Whilst acknowledging the sovereignty of all governments, the CLA is committed to advocate for the abolition of the death penalty in Commonwealth jurisdictions wherever it remains as an available sentence.

It is the position of the CLA that regardless of the nature of the crime an individual is alleged to have committed, the nationality of that individual, or the proposed method of execution, no individual should be subjected to the death penalty.

The CLA opposes all forms of torture, cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.

The CLA is committed to working with its members, local, regional and international legal and human rights organisations and governmental entities to abolish the death penalty for capital and all other offences.