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tipping off Indonesian authorities about Chan and Sukumaran's Bali Nine heroin plot would have to take a much more careful approach under the plan. In high-risk cases, it would defer to the attorney-general to make the final decision about how to proceed.

Crucially, the AFP guidelines would apply to foreign nationals as well as Australian citizens.

The AFP has defended its role in the Bali Nine case, saying it did not have enough evidence to arrest the Australians before they left for Indonesia. The AFP has not responded to requests for comment on the report.

Figures released under freedom of information laws last year showed the AFP put hundreds at risk of the death penalty every year - 95 per cent of them for drug offences - with its information sharing.

dead penalties

The report also called on the government to redouble its efforts to have the death penalty abolished worldwide, particularly in Australia's region and in the United States.

Mr Ruddock, who had long been a leading advocate for the abolition of the death penalty, delivered the report as his final act in Parliament before calling time on his 48-year political career. "There is no place for the death penalty in the modern world," Mr Ruddock said.

Amnesty International said the report was commendable and urged the government to adopt all the recommendations. The Human Rights Law Centre's director of advocacy and research Emily Howie echoed that sentiment.

"Under current laws and guidelines, if the Bali Nine case happened again tomorrow, nothing would prevent the AFP from acting in the same way," she said.

"Change is clearly needed and this important report provides a blueprint for meaningful and human rights-compliant reform."

The Law Council of Australia said the report should send a clear message to all regional neighbours, such as Indonesia, that Australia would "relentlessly campaign" to see the death penalty abolished.

The report also recommended the Attorney-General's Department reviewed its extradition and mutual assistance arrangements to ensure they aligned with Australia's International obligations.

Chan and Sukumaran were executed by firing squad on the Indonesian prison island of Nusa Kambangan on April 29 last year.

Australia abolished the death penalty in 1973, the same year Mr Ruddock was first elected.

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