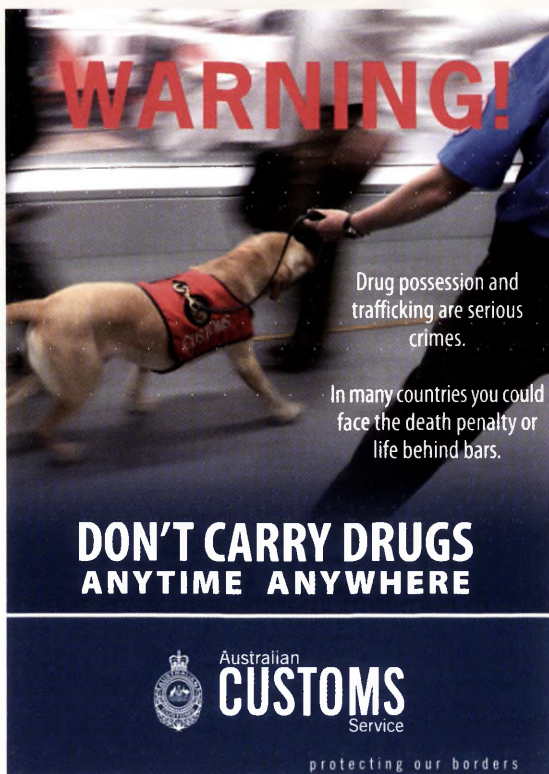


Don't carry drugs anytime, anywhere!



The Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Chris Ellison, has launched this poster a stark warning to travellers of the consequences of trying to take illegal drugs overseas.

Copies of the poster are being put up at every international airport around Australia

"I want these posters to be seen by everyone as they leave the country, to signal to anyone carrying drugs - or even contemplating the idea - that if they are caught overseas, at best they face many years in prison, at worst they face execution," Senator Ellison said.

The Minister pointed to several high-profile foreign drug cases in recent years involving Australians in which death sentences had been handed down.

"Some cases have received a great deal of publicity, but still there are many other Australians languishing in foreign prisons on drug charges in our region and beyond," he said.

"It is important that these strategically placed warnings reinforce the message to all Australians of the stupidity in carrying illicit drugs and also of the dire consequences if they do."

Senator Ellison said that, while this campaign was targeted at people travelling overseas, it was just a part of the Government's *Tough on Drugs* strategy of fighting illicit drugs on three fronts: education, rehabilitation and law enforcement.