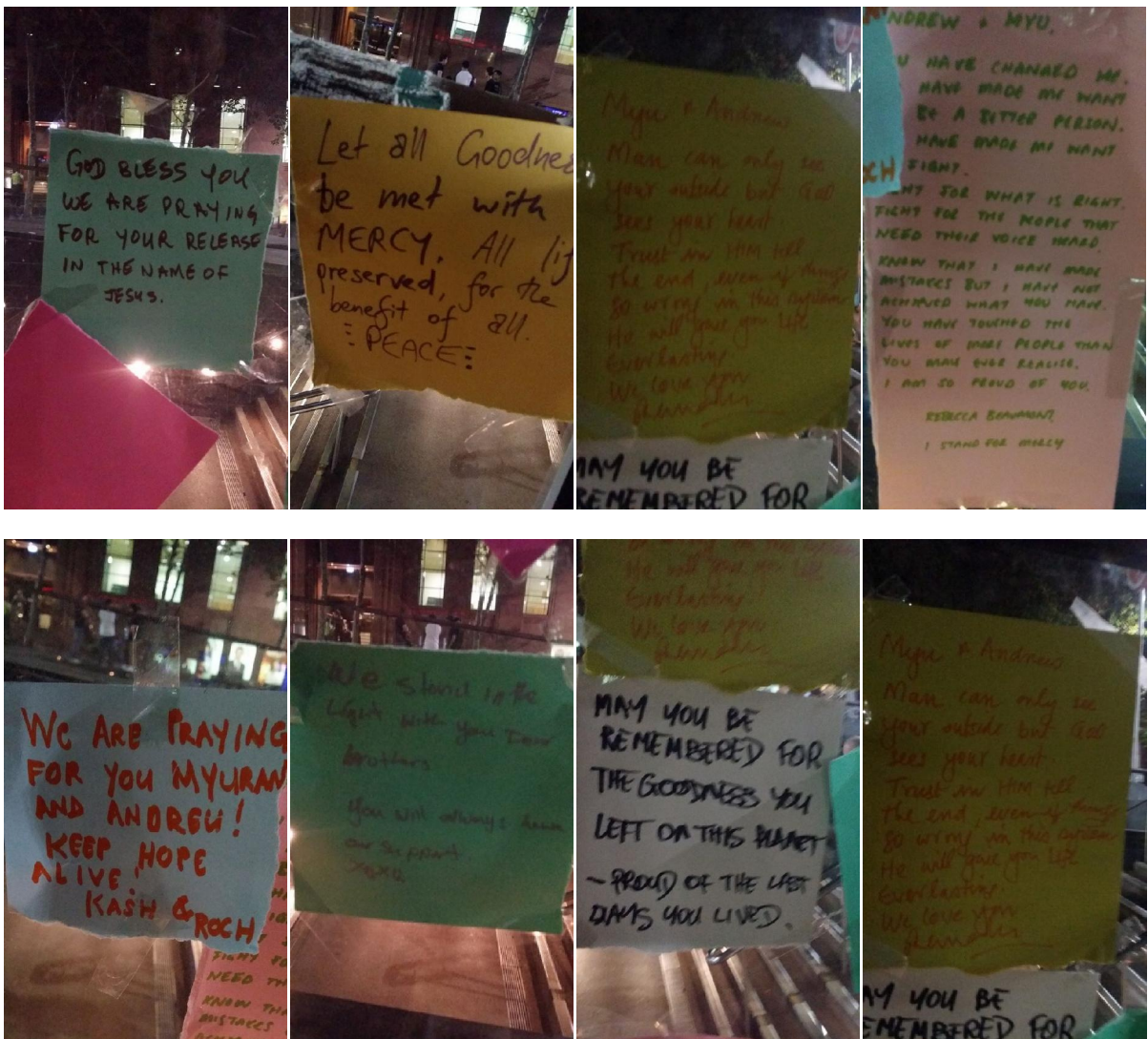
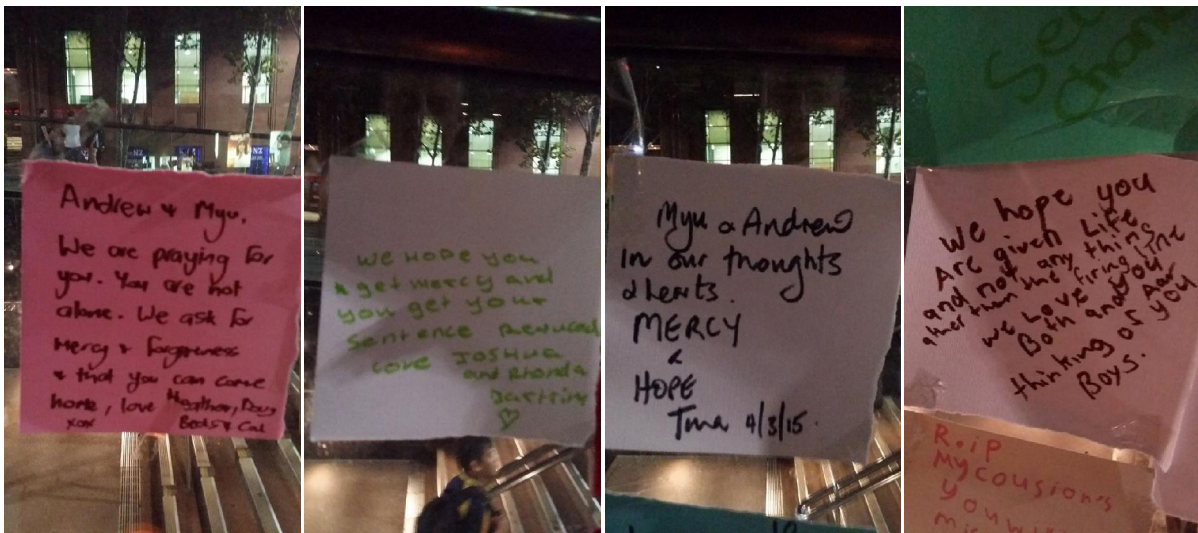


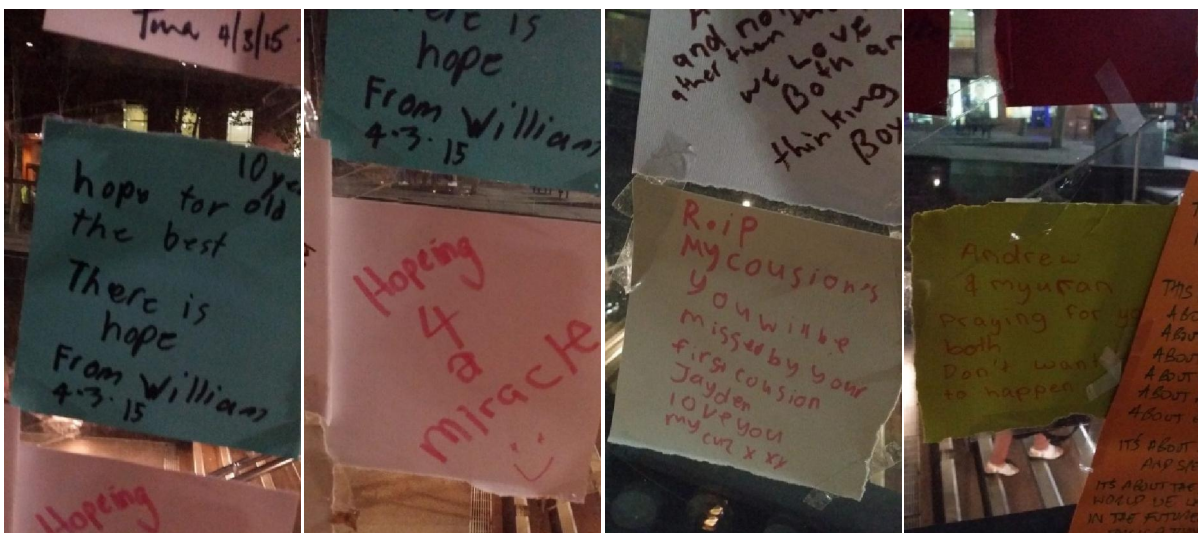
Hello, I'd like to lodge this brief submission into Australia's efforts to advocate for the worldwide abolition of the death penalty by presenting this 'snapshot' of images taken at a public vigil which was held in Martin Place, Sydney on the evening of 4th March 2015.



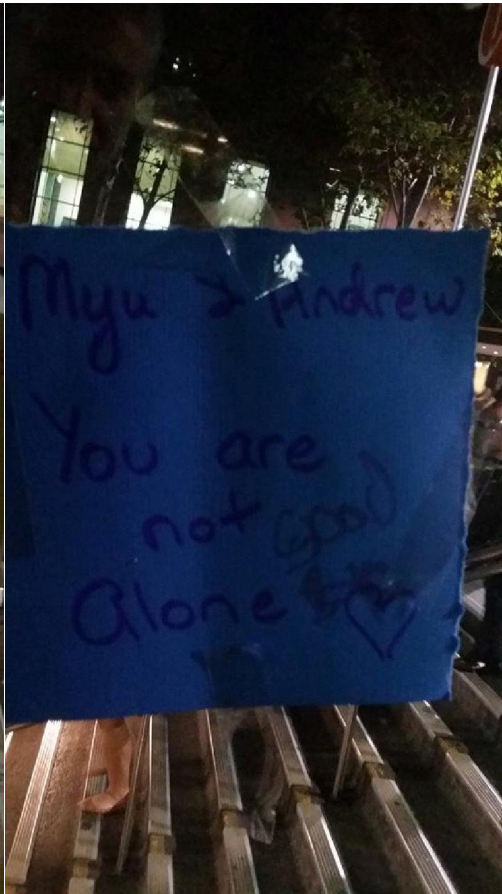
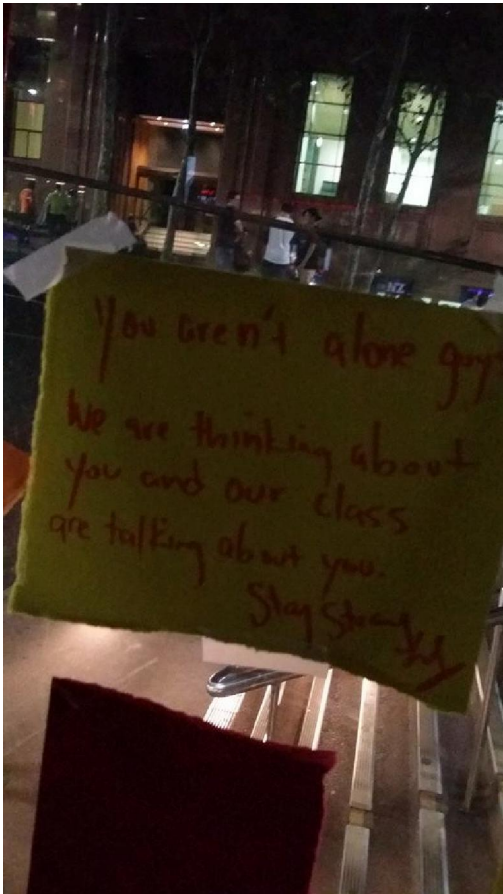
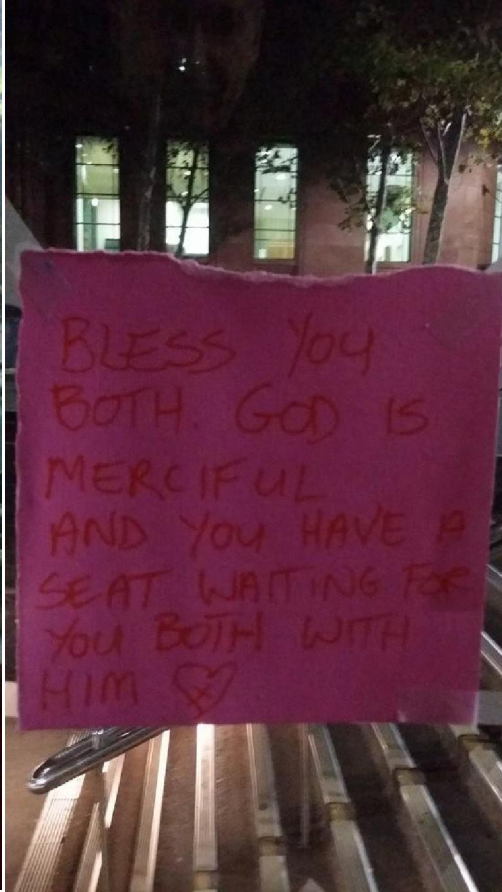
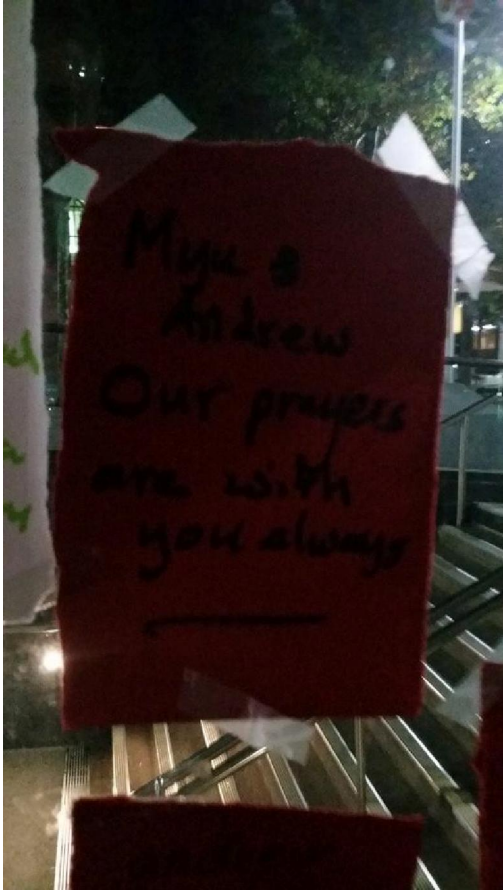
The peaceful vigil was organised by a small group of concerned citizens who came together via social media. Our initial focus was to raise the public's awareness of the plight of Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumarin, two Australians waiting on death row in Indonesia.



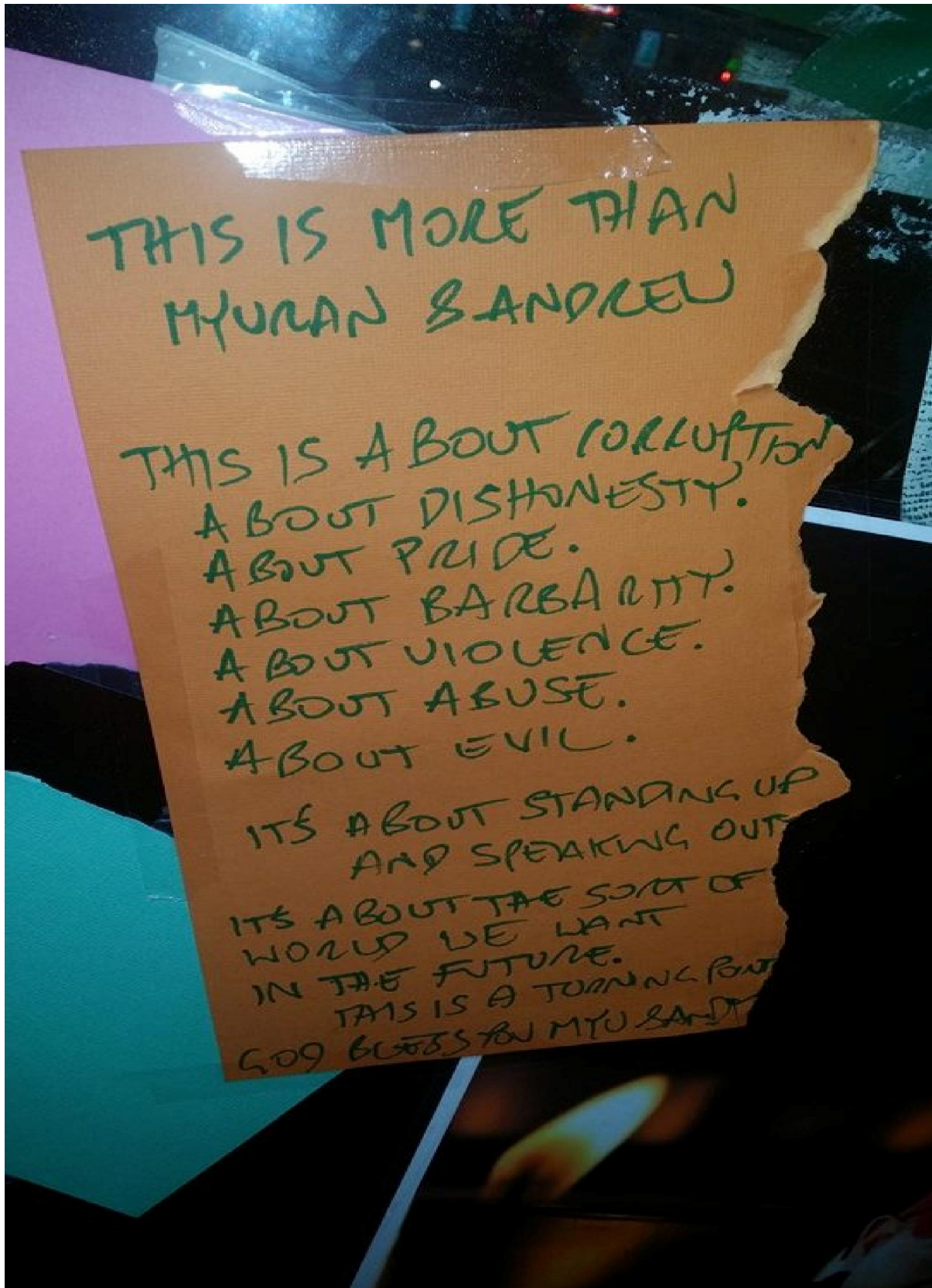
This was among the first of many vigils held in Sydney and around the country.



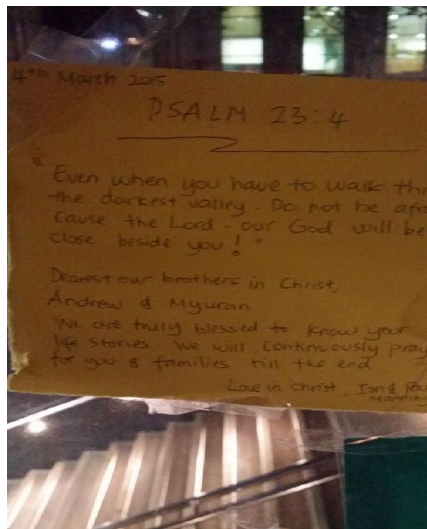
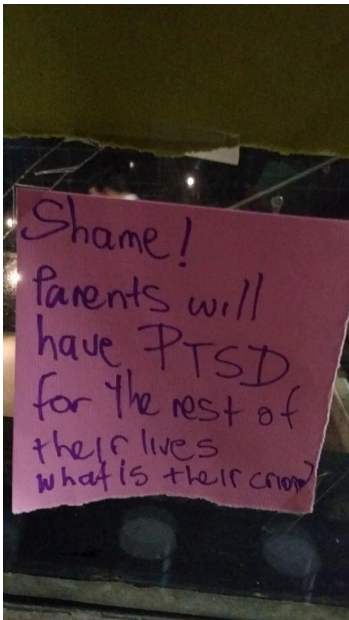
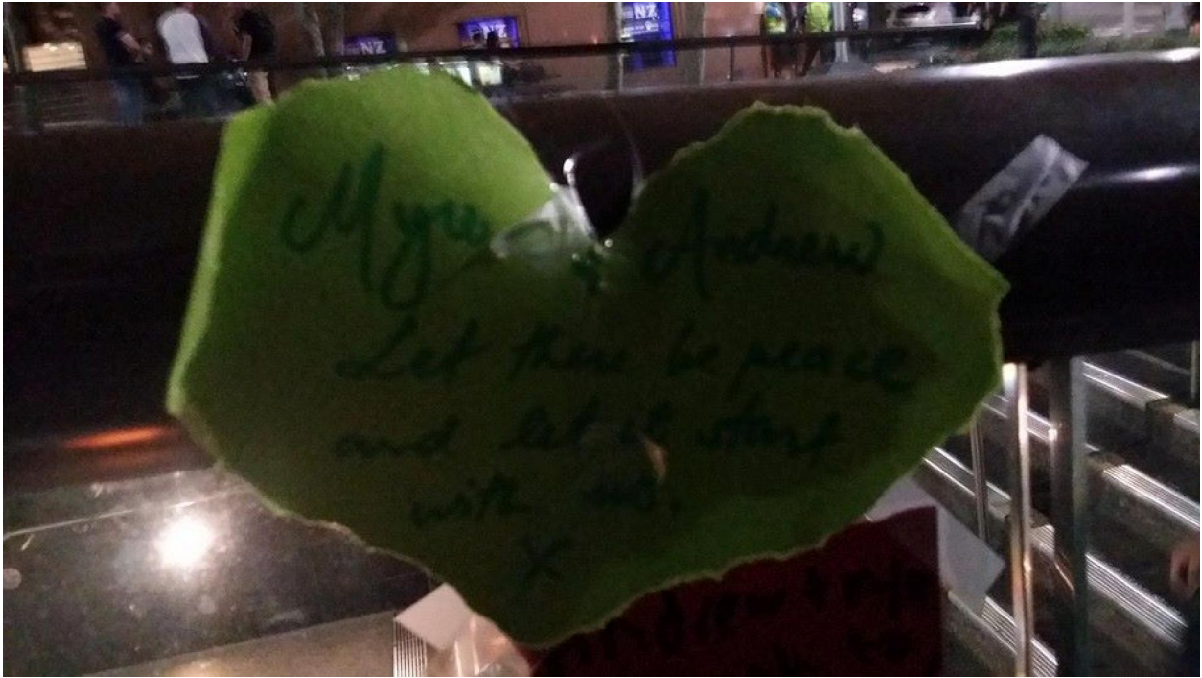
The simple notes are hand written on coloured sheets of paper and represent the outpouring of horror and opposition felt towards the death penalty, not just for Myuran and Andrew, but in protest against the death penalty wherever in the world it is used as punishment.



For many days following the vigil, the number of messages increased as people's awareness of, and protest against, the death penalty was felt.



Please do all you can to represent the "heart" of our community
by working towards ending this barbaric punishment wherever it occurs.



Many thanks, Joseph Solano