



Australia stands by Khmer Rouge trial funding **August 16, 2012**

The Australian foreign minister, Bob Carr, says Australia has not withdrawn or delayed its support for Cambodia's Khmer Rouge trials, despite warnings the trials may collapse without further funding.

The United Nations' special expert to the trials, David Scheffer, says unless international donors like Australia honour their funding pledges the tribunal will soon run out of money.

But Mr Carr says he pledged further funding in July, and Australia will continue to be supportive.

"Our support runs at just under \$20 million and we're the second largest donor, but we can exert our influence to see that other nations pay their fair share," Mr Carr told ABC Radio.

"It is vitally important, I've used that word several times, because this is the most important international criminal trial of the last 30 years."