

## **TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

***THIS PETITION OF*** Rajendra Prasad Joshi, Anita Shrestha and Arika Joshi and members of the Nepalese community and Citizens and Diners of the Ascot Vale community,

***DRAWS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE HOUSE*** that for some five and more years the above petitioners have operated a family friendly restaurant at Mt Alexander Road Ascot Vale. The Restaurant is an award winner, contributes to the liveability of its area, and also is recognised as a leader in establishing and continuing an awareness of Nepalese/Indian cuisine in Melbourne. It recognises its obligations to the wider community as to paying taxes, supporting other community activities and employing Australians including apprentices. As with all small business owners their lives are now entangled with their business, they have high hopes for its future and have plans for business growth. It is the policy of Government to support the growth of small business and we support via this petition that this is a venture that should be allowed to have a future.

***WE THEREFORE ASK THE HOUSE*** to recommend to the Minister of Immigration and Border Protection that as a request has been received by him requesting his intervention as provided by Section 351 of the Migration Act, that the House support the request.