

## **ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN'S REGIME, ONE OF THE WORLD'S STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM, MUST BE STOPPED**

*To the Honourable President and members of the Senate in Parliament assembled:*

### **The petition of the undersigned shows:**

The death of 22 years old, Mahsa Amini, in police custody on 16 September 2022 resulted in mass protests. It began in the area where Mahsa lived - in Kurdistan, then grew in strength by the hour and spread throughout the country. The scale of the protests over the Mahsa's death has expanded throughout the world in more than 150 cities including the major Australian cities.

"Women, life, freedom" have been repeated by protesters to show the world that they oppose what happened to Mahsa and demanding justice to pressure the Islamic regime on stopping the human rights violation.

Since the protesting began, riot police have met protestors with a brutal state crackdown. Human Rights groups reported at least 240 protesters had been killed, including 32 minors. Over 8,000 people had been arrested in 111 cities and towns in Iran. In this recent uprising, the intensity of suppression is significantly stretched. The armed forces are assaulting women in the street, rioting at girl's high schools, setting fire on the political prisons, mass-shooting to the Balouch prayers, and attacking the neighbour Kurdistan province in Iraq.

It is evident that the Islamic regime intends to continue suppressing its citizens and escalate the barbarian action beyond Iran, a recent example is selling weapons to Russia in the Ukraine war. Iranians, inside and outside of the country have one common demand; they don't want the Islamic regime anymore. Iranian protests have drawn international condemnation and new sanctions on Islamic regime from Britain, Canada, the United States, and EU.

Iranian dual citizens are urging their governments worldwide to break diplomatic and commercial ties with the Islamic regime. Existence of this regime will contribute to the systematic violation of human rights in Iran including oppression of women, child exploitation, abuse of LGBTQ+ individuals, and ethnic cleansing as well as funding of terrorist activities by IRGC around the world. A free democratic Iran results in a peaceful world and better economic, cultural and political relations with Australia.

### **Therefore we ask the Senate to call on the Government to:**

1. Enact Magnitsky-style sanctions against key actors and members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the Islamic regime oligarchs similar to the Russian oligarchs (March 2022).
2. Immediately designate the ambassadors or other representatives of the Iran's Islamic regime in Australia, serving either within embassies or international institutions, personae non grata and order their removal from Australia in protest to the illegal and inhumane treatment of protesters in Iran.

3. Deport or revoke the citizenship of Islamic regime oligarchs and their children and grandchildren in Australia.
4. Refrain from issuing visas to persons connected to the Islamic Regime including but not limited to the children and grandchildren of Islamic regime officials.

### **Signatories**

*Signatures are collected over the internet. Signatories' full name and email address' are part of this document. Entire content of the petition has been visible to the signatories on the internet as per Senate petition rule.*

**5189 Signatures are provided to Senator Chandler.**

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