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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
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Submission to Public Hearing on Myanmar - 13 April 2021

What can or should Australia do to support the return to stability and democracy?

The Member Churches of the NCCA have many members, originally from Myanmar – refugees after the consequences of the last military coup government that displaced the democratic government in 1988.

We love these people. We share their current heartbreak. We pray.

We ask:

Can Australia encourage a peaceful, diplomatic resolution utilising known mediators such as Cardinal Bo and other trusted peacemakers within Myanmar and Asia?

Can Australia encourage a careful but stronger engagement from ASEAN?

Can Australia provide Humanitarian Support?

Can Australia encourage safe passage to the longstanding refugee camps over the border in Thailand?

Can Australia offer an emergency refugee intake?

Yours faithfully



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