

Australia Iran Migration Consultants Association ABN 34 604 594 470

The Honorable Senators of the Australian Parliament,

On behalf of the Iran Australia Migration Consultants Association and thousands of concerned Australian residents who have signed the following petition (https://chng.it/RrvdrjHrFb), I am writing to express our profound concern and opposition to the proposed legislation aiming to impose restrictions on citizens from Iran seeking entry into Australia. We urge the Senate to reject this discriminatory measure and uphold the principles of fairness, equality, and human dignity.

The proposed legislation not only contradicts fundamental principles of human rights and international law but also undermines the valuable contributions that Iranian migrants bring to Australia. Australian Iranians have contributed significantly to Australia in numerous ways, enriching our society culturally, economically, and socially. They have excelled in various fields such as business, academia, science, medicine, arts, and sports, leaving a lasting and positive impact on our nation.

Many Iranians aspire to migrate to Australia through skilled, business, and talent visas, seeking to share their expertise, knowledge, and wealth with the Australian community. These individuals contribute to our cultural diversity, economic growth, and innovation, further enhancing our nation's global competitiveness and reputation.

Singling out Iranian citizens unfairly targets a group of individuals who are eager to contribute positively to Australian society. It disregards their aspirations for a better life and fails to recognize the significant benefits of their integration into our communities.

We firmly reject the notion that a person's eligibility for immigration should be determined by their nationality. Everyone deserves the opportunity to seek a safe and prosperous future, regardless of their background or country of origin.

Australia has long been known for its openness and welcoming attitude towards migrants from diverse backgrounds. It is imperative that we uphold these values and reject policies that perpetuate discrimination and exclusion.

Therefore, we call upon the Senate of Australia to oppose this discriminatory legislation and embrace a more inclusive approach to immigration. We urge policymakers to recognize the immense potential of Iranian migrants to contribute to the prosperity and vibrancy of our nation.

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In solidarity with the Iranian community and all those affected by unjust immigration policies, we stand united in defense of human rights and the values that define us as Australians.

Yours sincerely,

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