

**PETITION I**  
**TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT**

**To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives assembled in Parliament:**

The petition of certain residents of the Country of draws to the attention of the House the need to arrive at the truth of the events involving the Montevideo Maru and the fate of 845 POW and 208 internees from The Mandated Territory of New Guinea [now Papua New Guinea], said to be on board when the vessel was sunk.

Your petitioners therefore request the House to support any investigation made to establish the truth relative to the identity of the ship torpedoed 1 July 1942 in the Philippine waters and alleged to have been the Montevideo Maru.