

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

This petition of certain citizens of Australia including representatives of community, educational, political organisations, institutions and establishments across the country,

Draws to the attention of the House:

The matter of the importance of including Turkish in the National Schools Curriculum as a language of social, cultural, community, and economic importance to Australia and its people. The inclusion of Turkish in the National Schools Curriculum is important because:

- It is a language spoken in a vast geographical area of the world with over 150 million people according to UNESCO.
- Turkish will be the **ninth** most widely spoken language when added to the current list of languages in the National Schools Curriculum draft document.
- Tens of thousands of Australians visit Gallipoli on an annual basis.
- Turkey has a dynamic fast growing economy with increasingly growing relations with the Turkic speaking countries and her neighbours.
- It is the language of a vibrant community in Australia.
- Turkish has a unique structure which draws the interest of many linguists.

We therefore ask the House to:

Ensure that the Turkish and other community languages are included in the National Schools Curriculum currently being developed by the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority.