

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT

The petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House:

Australia is currently one of the only developed countries which does not have a Complementary Protection process in place for those who arrive in Australia in need of protection and who fall outside the 1951 UN *Convention Relating to the Status of Refugee* (Refugee Convention) criteria. This includes girls and women facing honour killings and female genital mutilation.

Australia has clear obligations under a number of international treaties not to return a person seeking protection to a place where their lives or well-being could be threatened (*nonrefoulement*).

Complementary Protection legislation would ensure that Australia fulfils its *nonrefoulement* obligations.

Your petitioners therefore ask the House to:

Pass Complementary Protection legislation that adequately protects people who fall outside of the Refugee Convention criteria but who would face situations of danger or even death if returned to their home country.