

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

This petition of concerned citizens of Australia draws the attention of the House to the following:

WHEREAS, the Sikh community in Australia has been a vibrant part of the Australian cultural mosaic since 1897;

WHEREAS, the Sikh community in Australia is amongst one of the largest religious groups within the Indo-Australian community;

WHEREAS, members of the Australian Sikh Community have become an integral part of Australia's culture as they continue to contribute significantly to the national economy;

AND WHEREAS, there was an organized campaign of Genocide against the members of the Sikh Community in India in November of 1984, resulting in the deaths of thousands of innocent Persons;

we call on the House of Representatives to:

1. Recognize that an organized campaign of violence, rapes and killings took place in India in November of 1984, against the Sikh community, resulting in the deaths of thousands.
2. Formally recognize that these organized killings were "Genocide" as per the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.
3. Urge the government of India to take all reasonable measures to bring all persons responsible for this organized campaign of violence to justice. This includes criminal prosecutions against the responsible persons following due process of law.