

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives,

This petition of Burma Campaign Australia draws to the attention of the House the military dictatorship in Burma.

Burma's military dictatorship has denied Aung San Suu Kyi the freedom to lead and Burma's people their democratic rights for over 20 years.

The military dictatorship remains in power because of its vast financial resources, estimated to be US\$5 billion. Most of this income has come from Burma's oil and gas industry.

Australian companies are investing in Burma and funding the country's brutal military dictatorship. Twinza Oil is investing in Burma's oil and gas industry and their project alone will earn the military dictatorship an estimated US\$2.5 billion.

Foreign investments in Burma directly contribute to the long term financial viability and stability of the Burmese military dictatorship and fund systematic human rights abuses and military offensives.

We therefore ask the House to:

- Investigate Australian companies' interests in Burma; and
- Introduce targeted trade and investment sanctions against Burma