

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

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

Research by the US Department of Labor and UN bodies has identified goods being imported into Australia where slavery and human trafficking have been involved in their production. These goods include cocoa, seafood, clothing, bricks and rugs from some countries.

While it is an offence for any Australian company to engage in any financial transaction involving a slave, regardless of where it occurs in the world, no effort is currently made to identify Australian companies importing goods that involve the use of slavery in their production.

As citizens of Australia we should be able to purchase goods without having to do our own extensive research to determine if the goods are free of slavery and human trafficking.

Your petitioners therefore ask the House to:

1. Introduce legislation that requires:
 - (a) Government to undertake research to identify goods imported into Australia where there is a risk slavery or human trafficking have been involved in their production.
 - (b) Industries, where this risk exists, to take all reasonable steps to minimise the possibility of slavery or human trafficking being involved in the production of goods they import.
2. Amend the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* and the 'Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines' to require suppliers to provide guarantees that their supply chains are free of slavery and human trafficking.