

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 junta in Burma.

The recent cyclone in Burma has demonstrated to the world the cruel nature of the Burmese military junta. This cruelty is nothing new.

Burma is a country where millions are starving, forced into unpaid labour, arbitrarily arrested and killed. In 2007, the military opened fire on peaceful protestors, many of them Buddhist monks. Burma's people cannot speak out.

8.8.08 marks the 20th anniversary of the military junta's brutal crackdown on peaceful protests led by students demanding democracy. Over 3,000 were killed and thousands more fled Burma to become refugees. Twenty years later the regime is as brutal as ever. Burma's true leader, the inspirational Aung San Suu Kyi, is under house arrest.

The military junta must be removed from power. As supporters of Burma Campaign Australia we therefore ask the house to:

1. Enact effective economic and trade sanctions against Burma;
2. Extend and enforce visa sanctions against the military junta, their families and State enterprises.