

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

Justice for West Papua

This petition sponsored by the Australia West Papua Association draws to the attention of the House the ongoing abuse of human rights of the people of West Papua by the Indonesian authorities. There is a disproportionate military presence in West Papua and the Indonesian military and police conduct "sweeping operations" throughout West Papua in which they burn houses, beat and kill civilians and force hundreds of civilians to flee into the forests. Peaceful demonstrations by West Papuans are brutally dispersed by security forces and participants are arbitrarily arrested and sentenced to lengthy jail terms. Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch report that there is widespread torture and abuse of political prisoners. Foreign journalists and the Red Cross are denied access to the region.

We ask the House to:

- Request that the United Nations review the New York Agreement of 1962 and the 1969 Act of Free Choice, and conduct a genuine, UN-monitored referendum on self-determination in which all adult West Papuans are allowed to vote without duress.
- Stop all Australian financial support and training of Indonesian military and security personnel until human rights abuses by military and security personnel in West Papua cease.
- Request the Indonesian government to remove the media blockade and allow international journalists free access to West Papua.