

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

This petition of a citizen of Australia:

draws to the attention of the House of Representatives that his application for a Secondary Review of Actions by the Merit Protection Commissioner, submitted through the Secretary of Commonwealth Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) on 14/11/2010, is yet to receive a response. APSC has recently informed that the application was not forwarded to them. The application requested the Commissioner, among other issues, to review:

- whether the merit selection criteria of Finance have deviated significantly from the merit principles outlined in Section 10 (2) (b) and (c) of the Public Service Act 1999 (PS Act), which may be promoting discrimination and cronyism, instead of merit; and
- whether those criteria may have failed to accommodate the workplace diversity and fair and flexible workplace APS values in the sections 10(1) (c) and 10(1) (j) of the PS Act.

I ask the House to take all necessary steps to ensure that:

- no public servant be denied his or her right to seek and get a fair Secondary Review of Actions by the Merit Protection Commissioner;
- the Finance merit selection criteria and processes are consistent with the PS Act; and
- I am protected from any kind of retributions for submitting this petition.

I also ask the House to consider whether an arms-length truly independent Public Service Commission drawn from outside the public service would serve Australia better and fairer.