

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

This petition of concerned citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House: the extension of asset testing of the family home for aged care services. The Productivity Commission has recommended that the family home be used in wealth assessments to determine the level of care and accommodation fees applicable to the care recipient. The Productivity Commission have recommended that bonds be extended to high care places and that reverse mortgages be installed as a funding mechanism for residential aged care and home and community care.

We therefore ask the House to oppose these recommendations that will see older people selling or reverse mortgaging their home to access aged care services.