

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

This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House to the continuing loss of life and serious injury on the **Barton Highway** which runs between Canberra (ACT) and Yass (NSW) and which also forms part of the main connecting route between Canberra and Melbourne and is a designated federal highway. The Barton Highway is estimated to carry in excess of 10,000 vehicle movements per day, more than double the number of estimated vehicle movements on the Federal Highway between Canberra and Goulburn, which has been duplicated for many years and which has shown a marked improvement in accident reduction since its duplication. The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority statistics show that between 1999 and 2009 (the most recent statistics available) there were 280 accidents reported on the Barton Highway in which 13 people lost their lives and 156 were injured. Since that time there have been regular media reports of further accidents, injuries and, sadly, deaths, on the Barton Highway.

We therefore ask the House to move immediately to complete the full duplication of the Barton Highway in order to avoid further loss of life and injury to citizens.