

**To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives;**

This petition of a '*resident of Australia*' (father) and '*Certain citizens of Australia*' namely his 2 children, draws to the attention of the House: issues regarding the proper administration of justice and unfairness caused persons lacking legal representation.

Persons seeking justice without representation is a growing issue and burden on the Federal Courts, namely the Family Court. These persons have a *right* to a *McKenzie Friend*.

The assistance of a *McKenzie Friend* is often limited to note taking, and denied;

    a right to inspect evidence,

    the right of audience in the presentation of evidence,

    and the like.

It appears this is due to persons trained at law are fearful the disadvantage caused the unrepresented persons, by lack of representation, may be reduced if the *Friend* gives any more help than note taking.

We pray the House;

Urgently makes laws which define the rights and obligations of a *McKenzie Friend*, for the Family or Federal Courts that are parallel to the *Family Court Rules for a Case Guardian* including the right of audience but not the right to make written applications on behalf of the party.

Furthermore, make Law that the words "*any person holding office under the Commonwealth*" stated in "*section 33 of the Judiciary Act 1903(Cth)*" means or includes in its meaning "***Commonwealth public official***" as defined by the "*Criminal Code Act 1995(Cth)*" to enable corrections to judicial wrongs and errors in the High Court.