

## **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:**

During public demonstrations held recently in Australian cities, supporters of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam (LTTE) have publicly displayed provocative and unpleasant artefacts and flags depicting:

- Interpol wanted killers
- guns and bullets symbolising civilian massacres, bomb attacks on civilian establishments and places of religious worship
- use of child soldiers, suicide bombings in crowded places
- assassination of elected national leaders.

Displaying the portrait of Interpol wanted LTTE leader in his paramilitary attire associated with bloodshed and violence is insensitive and highly provocative to peaceful Australians.

The LTTE flag of the severed tiger head with two guns and bullets defy norms acceptable to a decent society.

Australia houses a large number of people with Sri Lankan origin who have suffered firsthand or have gone through the suffering of their loved ones due to LTTE atrocities.

Demonstrations using such insensitive artefacts lead to arousal of racial intolerance in a peace loving society. These actions might lead to backlashes like Serbian-Bosnian clash, Cronulla 2005 incident and Parramatta Synagogue attack 2006. Most importantly, these actions cause a section of peace loving Australians to suffer in silence.

This type of behaviour is not in line with promoting multicultural harmony in our society.