

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

This petition of concerned citizens with Turkish ancestry draws to the attention of the House that:

There is a continued effort by sections of the Armenian, Assyrian and Pontic Greek communities to brush the Republic of Turkey and its predecessor the Ottoman Empire with the horrible crime of Genocide during World War 1. Many monuments taking advantage of the good name of Australian Soldiers have been constructed through local councils to help legitimise their baseless claims.

A legal definition of genocide is found in the 1948 United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (CPPCG). Genocide is the deliberate and systematic destruction, in whole or in part, of an ethnic, racial, religious, or national group. Such allegations of genocide against Turkey or the Ottoman Empire and never been proven in any international court or by the United Nations.

Issues such as these are likely to spoil the good relationship which is enjoyed between Turkey and Australia. This is especially important in the lead up to the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC's in Gallipoli.

We therefore ask the House to:

- Outline whether it supports any allegations of Genocide against the Republic of Turkey and its predecessor the Ottoman Empire; and
- Investigate ways to ensure that this continual propaganda is eliminated.