

PETITION

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

This petition of Cambodian-Australian draws to the attention of the House that:

1. The July 28, 2013 General Election in Cambodia did not meet international standards for being free and fair.
2. There were widespread election irregularities and the result produced the Ruling party does not reflect the will of the people.
3. Mr. Hun Sen and his ruling party are undermining the principle of democracy and the 1991 Paris Peace Agreement by not willing to accommodate a peaceful solution to the current political crisis but instate deploying troops, tanks and armoured vehicles to intimidate the people in the capital Phnom Penh.
4. The Australian Government has already earmarked million and millions of dollars to assist Cambodia.
5. As one of the signatories of the Paris Agreement 1991, Australia has the moral and legal obligation to ensure that true democracy is materialise in Cambodia.
6. True democracy is required in Cambodia to put an end to a long suffering and hardship of the people of Cambodia and would also bring stability and prosperity within the Southeast Asian region from which Australia can benefit in terms of trade.

We therefore ask the House to put pressure on the Cambodian Government to ensure a peaceful solution to this political crisis and to set up a credible independent committee to investigate and resolve election irregularities.