

## ***PETITION-Persecuted Christians in Syria***

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

*This petition of certain citizens of Australia draws the attention of the House to the plight of persecuted Christians in Syria.*

*We therefore ask the House to:*

- 1. **Recognise** that the Christians of Syria are a significant but highly threatened minority in the current crisis, noting that Christians are facing unprecedented levels of violence from both the general conflict and targeted anti-Christian attacks from some factions;*
- 2. **Put** the plight of Christians and other minorities at the forefront of their humanitarian aid programmes, ensuring that there are pro-active policies in place to guarantee equitable delivery to all communities;*
- 3. **Work** towards and support only those outcomes in Syria that allow freedom, equality and justice for all without discrimination, recognising that core human rights including freedom of religion and belief are the only basis for a stable society.*