

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

This petition of *Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children*, and their friends, draws to the attention of the House, the issue of children in detention.

We therefore ask the House to ensure that Australian law and practice conforms in every respect with

- (a) the UNHCR Refugee Convention (1951) and
- (b) the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989).

Conformity with these Conventions, to which Australia is a signatory, will ensure the release of refugee children out of detention and into suitable living conditions.