

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

This petition of some citizens of Ballarat and District Victoria

draws to the attention of the House;

- That we are concerned that children are still being held in Australian detention centres.
- That journalists have not had free access to detention centres in Australia, Nauru and Manus Island.
- That staff employed in these detention centres are unable to speak freely about conditions they have witnessed in their line of work.

We therefore ask the House to

- Pass the amendments as voted on in the Senate to release all children from Australian detention centres by Christmas 2015
- To allow journalists to have free access to all detention centres
- To allow all who wish to give evidence of conditions they have witnessed in detention centres the right of free speech without prosecution.

