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

This petition of 410 Visa Holders resident in Australia draws to the attention of the House:

That 3,000 self funded individuals that call Australia home are currently prevented from becoming Australian Citizens. A motion proposed by Senator Chris Ellison and agreed by the senate on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2008 should be upheld by the government to "enable temporary resident retirement 410 visa holders to apply for permanent residency". Also in 2008 Senator Chris Evans then Minister for Immigration, declared that "If people choose to make their lives in Australia they should have a pathway to citizenship open to them".

Surely 3,000 retirement visa holders of whom we estimate no more than 2000 would take up Permanent Residence if offered deserve security in the knowledge that they have certainty, particularly all who:

- have lived here for at least ten years
- are home owners
- are self-funded from overseas-sourced pensions
- are law abiding
- contribute significantly and voluntarily to the community
- are privately health insured
- have introduced hundreds of millions of dollars into Australia at no cost to taxpayers
- would, as permanent residents, then pay income tax in Australia on overseas income

We therefore ask the House to:

Allow all holders of the Temporary Retirement Visa (sub-class410) who have resided in Australia for a continuous period of 10 years or more the right to become Permanent Residents and Citizens.